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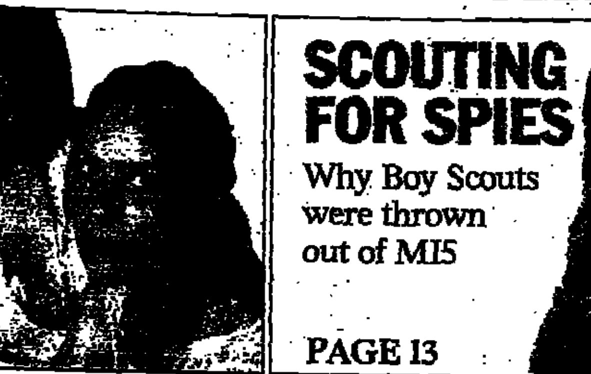

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We wanted hostages, say terrorists

Family killed in massacre at the temple

By Christopher Walker and Paul Wilkinson

Karina Turner with her daughter Shaunnah. They had been in Egypt for three days

THREE generations of a single family were among the British victims of the Luxor massacre, it emerged yesterday as the full extent of the Islamic terrorists' brutality in killing 58 foreign tourists became clear.

Five-year-old Shaunnah Turner, her mother Karina and grandmother Joan, from Rippondon, West Yorkshire, were on the third day of their holiday when they were murdered outside the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

Yesterday their bodies were flown to a Cairo mortuary to await repatriation along with the other massacre victims, including George and Ivy Wigham from Swanley in Kent and Sylvia Wilder, a 26-year-old air stewardess from the South East of England.

They had been killed as part of an operation by the Islamic group Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya in an attempt to force the release of its spiritual leader Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, who is in jail in America for plotting to blow up the World Trade Centre in New York.

Admitting responsibility for the massacre yesterday, the group said that it had intended to seize hostages. But witnesses to the three-hour shoot-out said the six gunmen had made no attempt to take captives. They had climbed from their car and immediately fired at tourists with automatic weapons, then stabbed some of their victims to make sure that they were dead.

Rosemarie Dousse, a Swiss survivor, said: "They shot everyone in the arms and legs. Then they killed everyone who was alive with a shot to the head." And Mahmoud al-Rawi, a bus driver wounded in the attack, said: "They came into the temple shooting. When their clips ran out, they took out knives and started slaughtering people."

Joan Turner: ran agency caring for the elderly

Gamaa's admission that it carried out the attack came as President Mubarak visited the massacre site and promised action within 48 hours to tighten security at all his country's important tourist sites. He criticised his ministers for the lax security, and said that heads would roll. "The area is full of tourists and you tell me police are two kilometres away. This is a joke of strategy." Within hours, the Security Minister Hassan el-Alfi had resigned.

The rapid response was an indication of how seriously the Government regards the terrorist threat to its international reputation and tourism industry. But it was not enough to deter tour operators from all over the world pulling their clients out of the country and hundreds of Britons arrived home early yesterday.

Thomson, Britain's biggest tour operator, said that it was bringing back all its holidaymakers in Egypt and would not be flying there again this month. Other big companies took a similar approach, but they found resistance from customers angry about being forced to go home against their wishes.

Many felt that the companies — and the Foreign Office, which advised travellers to avoid the Luxor area — were over-reacting and that they should have been given the option of staying. Their complaint was borne out by Thomas Cook, which said that only two of its 140 clients in Egypt had decided to come home. The company intended to go ahead with its Nile Discovery Tour flight on Saturday, although the tour would avoid the Luxor area.

The son of two of the British victims was, however, alarmed by the terrorist threat and had tried to persuade his parents to change their destination. Ivy Wigham, 71, and her husband George, 69, had flown out to Egypt last Thursday for a celebration holiday after Mrs Wigham completed an Open University course.

Their son, Paul, said that he had been concerned about the murder of nine Germans on a tour bus outside the Egyptian Museum in Cairo in September and had urged his parents to reconsider. "We said to them to get their agents to find them another holiday, but they said they would be all right. They just liked the idea of going down the Nile."

As friends of the Wighams in Kent were mourning the couple, so the people of the Yorkshire village of Rippondon were remembering Shaunnah Turner and her family. A special assembly was held at St Mary's Infants School and a photograph was put on display by her friends.

Shaunnah had gone on holiday with her 24-year-old mother, an air stewardess, and her grandmother, who ran a care agency for the elderly and disabled. The three had shared their home with Shaunnah's aunt, Deborah, the sole surviving member of the family. Ms Turner, a 30-year-old Salford University student, said: "I've lost my mother and my sister and my beautiful niece. I'm absolutely distraught. I've lost everything." The sixth British victim was also an air stewardess. Sylvia Wilder, who held dual British and Bulgarian nationality, had worked for Monarch Airlines for six months. She was based at Gatwick and lived in the South East, but the airline did not know whether she was married or had children.

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US build-up over Iraq as Russia says peace at hand

By Tom Rhodes and Michael Binyon

AMERICA stepped up the pressure on President Saddam Hussein yesterday as Russia announced that it had worked out a plan to end peacefully the crisis between Iraq and the United Nations.

The US reinforced its number of warplanes in the Gulf in rsponse to Iraq's "offensive posture". The Pentagon said that Iraq's air defences were "extremely active" and appeared to be pointing threateningly at allied flights. "We are reacting in part to a graver threat we spot in the area," Ken Bacon, the department spokesman said.

The new deployment would include six F117A Stealth bombers, to be positioned in Kuwait, and six cruise missile-carrying B52 bombers to be stationed on Diego Garcia, the British dependent territory in the Indian Ocean.

An additional force of 30 aircraft, including F15 and F16 fighters as well as two B1 bombers was standing ready to fly to Bahrain if requested by the American commander in the Gulf. As many as six KC135 airborne tankers also were being sent.

The Pentagon statement came after Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, flew unexpectedly to Moscow for talks with President Yeltsin and Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister.

Mr Primakov said afterwards: "As a result of these talks, a specific programme has been worked out which, we believe, allows us to avoid military confrontation and the use of military methods, and to move towards liquidating this crisis, of course with Iraq fulfilling the corresponding UN Security Council resolutions."

He gave no details of the plan and there was no word from the Iraqi delegation. Mr Primakov said Mr Yeltsin had urged him to meet the US, French and British foreign ministers today and that, if he could not, he would speak to them by telephone.

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, dropped a trip to Agra from her India travel schedule today to continue to pursue intensive contacts with her counterparts from Britain, France and Russia. James Rubin, her spokesman, said it had not been decided whether she would meet the foreign ministers of those countries somewhere in Europe for talks on resolving the standoff with Iraq.

"There has been no decision at this point about any meeting," he said, responding to reports that Mr Primakov, Hubert Védrine, the French Foreign Minister, and Robin Cook would meet today in Geneva.

Britain yesterday gave a warning that Iraq probably still had enough missiles and chemical and biological weapons to be able to launch an attack on Israel or Saudi Arabia "within days".

According to a Whitehall intelligence assessment, declassified yesterday by the Foreign Office, the possibility that Saddam retains a handful of largely completed missiles and chemical and biological weapons "cannot not be ruled out".

"Provided it still has key components — and that is unclear — Iraq could within a few months build, with little risk of detection, missiles capable of hitting Israel and key targets in Saudi Arabia," the assessment said.

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Laura Ashley's chief is fired

Ann Iverson has been fired as chief executive of Laura Ashley, the troubled fashion and furnishings retailer, after just 30 months in the job and will receive £450,000 compensation for loss of office.

The company's finance director is also set to leave as soon as a replacement is found..........Page 27

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Royal aircraft makes emergency landing as engines run out of oil

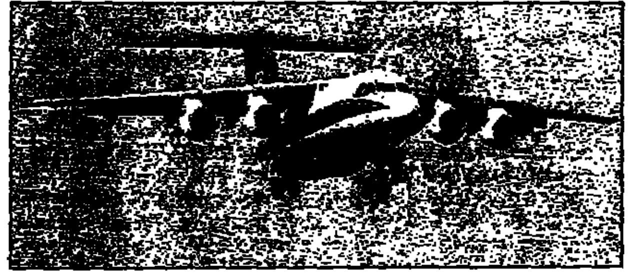
By Michael Evans and Alan Hamilton

AN AIRCRAFT of the Royal Flight was forced to make an emergency landing when three out of its four engines failed after a catastrophic fall in oil pressure.

The drama occurred during a training flight, when a senior RAF instructor was on board with a trainee captain and a flight engineer. The Duke of York had travelled as a passenger on the BAe 146 only a few days earlier.

When the pilot landed at Stansted, Essex, it was discovered that even the fourth engine was in trouble. Low oil pressure warning lights were showing on three of the engines and full emergency measures were in place as the plane came in to land.

An investigation has been under way since the incident and it has emerged that none of the oil seals had been replaced during routine maintenance work carried out by a private contractor, FRA Serco. "Oil was just pouring out of the engine," an MoD official said.



A BAe 146 of the Royal Flight. "Oil was pouring out"

The maintenance work had been carried out after the Duke's flight in the aircraft, which is one of three attached to No 32 (The Royal) Squadron, based at RAF Northolt, west of London.

The BAe 146s are used by the Queen, members of the Royal Family, the Prime Minister and other Cabinet ministers. A BAe 146 brought back the coffin of the Princess of Wales to Northolt from Paris on August 31. The Queen returned with other members of the Royal Family from Balmoral on a BAe 146 to attend the Princess's funeral and the Prince of Wales flew in one during a nine-day tour of the former republics of Soviet central Asia earlier this year.

The MoD said the aircraft had operated properly for the Duke of York's flight. "The problem only arose after the plane had been in for modest maintenance work," an RAF official said.

The plane took off from Northolt for the training flight on November 6. The MoD emphasised that the trainee captain was a fully qualified pilot, but had just joined No 32 Squadron.

Fifteen minutes into the sortie, the three-man crew observed "fluctuations" in all the engine oil quantity indicators. "They saw there was a problem in all the engines and immediately initiated a return to base," the MoD official said.

However, a low oil pressure warning light started to flash on one of the engines, which was immediately shut down. The pilot sent out a Mayday call and decided to head for Stansted, the nearest airport.

Two more oil pressure warning lights started to flash and the pilot was forced to reduce the power on two other engines to "flight idle", which provides only minimum power.

Before landing, the pilot shut down a second engine, then the third one as the plane taxied on the runway.

"Ahh! A hospital bed! Now I haven't seen one of these for a very long time"

Waiting lists rise by 1,000 a week

Hospital waiting lists in England are now growing by more than 1,000 patients a week, forcing the Government to water down its election promise to cut them quickly by 100,000.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, has managed to raise £5 million from savings on NHS red tape to set up new units to oversee greater efficiency by health authorities..........Page 9

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Audience makes Tchaikovsky's 1812 go pop

By Russell Jenkins

THE AUDIENCE at a performance of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* in Manchester next week may be more than usually tense as the triumphant climax of the work approaches.

Just before the concert-hall normally echoes to the crash of cannon fire while the Russian and French national anthems battle it out, next week's audience in the Bridgewater Hall will be waiting for their cue from Timothy Reynish, the conductor, to provide the sound themselves — by bursting 4,000 inflated paper bags.

Tchaikovsky specified the cannon shots to represent the triumphant Russian guns firing as Napoleon and this troops were forced to retreated from Moscow in the winter of 1812. But Mr Reynish, who is head of the wind and percussion school at The Royal Northern College of Music, decided that cannon would be an unnecessarily expensive luxury at the Prom'n'Aid Concert designed to raise funds for the British Red Cross.

He got the paper bags, some bearing the legend "Thank you — call again", from his local newsagent, so they have no specific percussive properties. They will be distributed to members of the full-house audience as they enter the auditorium. Mr Reynish aims to separate the audience into four groups and then briefly rehearse them in the art of blowing up a paper bag silently.

"It's a problem for the conductor, coordinating it all, because you have 140 musicians on stage and 2,000 in the audience. It is quite a problem synchronising 4,000 paper bags," he said, adding: "I think we are all excited and fired up about it. The climax will be a nervous time. If we have 2,000 people being nervous at the same time, we will be sure to get the adrenalin flowing."

Tchaikovsky, who claimed he wrote the overture with "no warm feelings" intended it to be performed in a Moscow square with a large orchestra, military band and cathedral bells as well as the cannon shots. But the first performance was on August 20, 1882, in a hall specially constructed for the Moscow Exhibition.

Dr Rosemary Williamson, librarian at The Royal Northern College, said: "The cannons were included in the original performance. They were meant to commemorate the victory of Russia over Napoleon in 1812. It will be very interesting to hear the effect of paper bags. It sounds like it's going to be a really fun occasion that may well set a precedent."

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Scenes from a holiday film that turned into a horror: these pictures, taken by a British tourist, show Egyptian security forces in action after the massacre while shocked survivors wait near by

'They pulled victims on floor like sheep'

By Christopher Walker, Philip Delves Broughton and Daniel McGrory

AT LEAST four of the gunmen were hiding inside the Temple up to an hour before the ambush began, witnesses said last night. Disguised in the black uniform of police, they waited patiently for the first tourist buses of the day to arrive in the courtyard. Two more terrorists were spotted waiting on the steps outside.

Other witnesses remember seeing at least two men appear from a white car brandishing guns as the shooting began. There was mounting criticism over how long it took Egyptian security teams to reach the area and for rescuers to help the seriously wounded. Many of the injured say they lay cowering in fear for an hour or more.

The first victims, tour groups from Germany, Japan and Switzerland, were milling around in the courtyard when two men were seen pulling weapons from under their jackets. Badawy Ahmed Salem, 33, a taxi driver, said the gunmen sprayed automatic fire and shouting slogans. Some victims were made to kneel before they were shot, he said. "They were pulling tourists like sheep on the floor and slaughtering them. We were up to our knees in blood."

As well as wearing the winter garb of the police, the terrorists had red bandanas on which was written: "We will fight until death."

In the first minutes, the gunmen deliberately targeted the few police officers on duty before concentrating their attention on the hundreds of innocent bystanders and street vendors. Witnesses told how the killers walked between the fallen bodies, stabbing at them with knives and firing at those who were still alive. Among the first victims were a Japanese honeymoon couple, Eiichi and Tomomi Kishida, who were married ten days ago.

The attack continued unabated for 30 minutes, say survivors. Between 30 to 90 minutes later, depending on which witness account is to be believed, soldiers equipped with AK 47 rifles and grenade launchers arrived and began to fan out. Some of the killers were believed to have escaped to nearby graveyard. Some were seen hijacking passing cars to escape.

One group comandeered a bus with three French tourists on board. The driver was too distraught to drive so one of the terrorists took the wheel. They were followed not only by soldiers but also by unarmed Egyptians incensed by what they had seen. The terrorists drove as far as the derelict Christian monastery of Dar Moharb where they abandoned the bus and set off on foot, having killed the French tourists. Mrs Eman Abdelaal, a local English teacher, whose husband is a guide at the temple said: "The people from Luxor who followed them say that in the end the terrorists killed each other, with the last one killing himself.

"When they escaped into the mountains, one of the terrorists was shot by a soldier and fell down. One of the other terrorists then came back and shot him dead so that he would not be taken and say anything about them.

"The people from the West Bank here were very brave against the criminals. They followed them even though they had no weapons."

From beginning to end, the shoot-out is estimated to have lasted three hours. There was then another delay until rescue vehicles could reach the scene. Although authorities claim that six gunmen were killed, a number of witnesses put their total at 11. In a claim of responsibility, the al-Gamaa al-Islamiya (Islamic Group) said that 15 members were in the ambush, whose initial aim was alleged to have been to take hostages.

Factional splits make security task harder

From Christopher Walker and Tunku Varadarajan

THE admission yesterday that the Luxor tourist massacre was the responsibility of al-Gamaa al-Islamiya (The Islamic Group) came as Egypt's most active Muslim extremist group is beginning to disintegrate.

The splits — both between factions inside Egypt and between the group's home-based fighters and exiled leaders — are seen by Western security experts as making the job of the authorities more difficult. On the day that 58 tourists were shot dead at the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, 300 miles away in a court outside Cairo, a leading member of the group was telling reporters that its offer of a ceasefire, first hinted at in July, still stood.

The original call was seen by some observers as recognition that the attempt to transform Egyptian society by force had failed. But some Egyptian security officials saw it as a trick to try and lift the relentless security clampdown, which has included torture and rough justice.

The feelers for peace put out by the jailed members of the group's leadership were rejected, not only by President Mubarak, but also by members still at large.

The group was originally founded in the late 1970s by radical Muslim theologians led by Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, whose freedom from jail in the United States was claimed by al-Gamaa as the motivation behind the Luxor ambush.

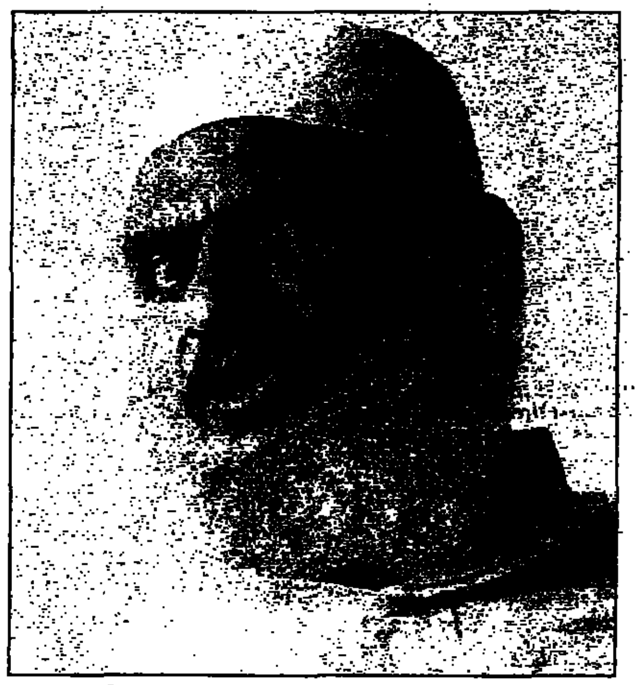
The blind Egyptian sheikh is in New York's Metropolitan Correctional Institute, serving a life sentence for "seditious conspiracy". He has a burning hatred of the West and a self-appointed mission to "destroy" America.

Abdel-Rahman, along with nine other co-conspirators, was convicted in 1995 of planning to wage a war of urban terrorism against the United States; five bombs were intended to explode in and around New York on one day. Abdel-Rahman was also convicted of conspiring to assassinate President Mubarak in the United States in 1993.

In 1993, six people were killed in the bombing of the World Trade Centre, in New York. Although the sheikh himself was not charged in that case, four of the men convicted of the bombing professed to be followers of Abdel-Rahman.

Many original members of al-Gamaa group are among the 15,000 supporters and sympathisers now behind bars in Egypt or the more than 50 executed.

At the outset of its campaign in 1992, the group was much more disciplined than today. Those still at large are particularly ruthless. Rural members of the security forces, tourists and Egypt's Coptic Christians have become the main targets of the terrorists.



Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the group's leader

Commons pledges to resist terrorism

By James Landale, political reporter

MINISTERS and MPs, speaking in the House of Commons, expressed their sympathies and condolences to the families bereaved by the Luxor massacre.

Doug Henderson, the Foreign Office Minister, said the Government would work with the Egyptian authorities to do everything it could to help to minimise risks for travellers and make "every effort" in the international fight against terrorism.

He said: "On behalf of the Government and, I am sure, on behalf of all members of this House, I extend my heartfelt sympathies to the families bereaved by this atrocity and to those injured."

He said the Prime Minister, who spoke to President Mubarak on Monday afternoon, had "expressed his condolences and our support in the fight against terrorism".

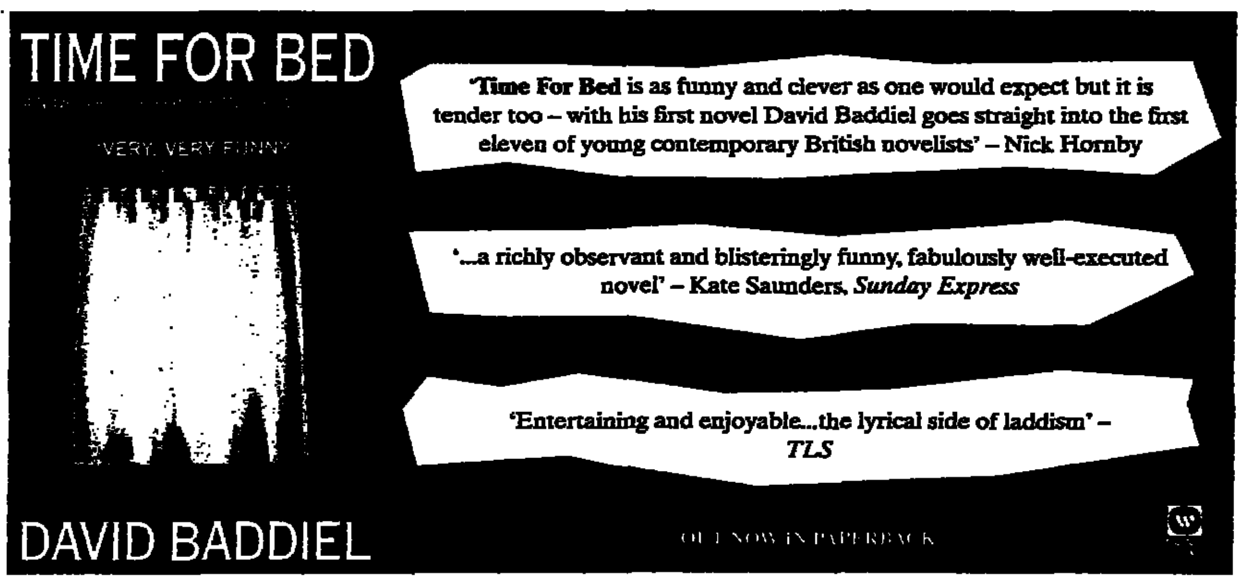
Crispin Blunt, Tory MP for Reigate and special adviser to Malcolm Rifkind, the former Defence Secretary, urged the Government to do everything it could to protect the Egyptian tourist industry. He said the Government should give out enough information so that travellers could understand the risks of terrorism. But he added: "Don't encourage a wholly unnecessary panic which is what seems to have happened."

Mr Henderson said: "We have a responsibility to provide advice to British citizens and British tourists on the dangers they may face when they travel. Our assessment is that there are serious dangers in Egypt and have been for some time."

Michael Howard, Shadow Foreign Secretary, said he wished to associate the Opposition with the sympathy the minister expressed "to the families of the victims of this brutal attack and also to the sympathy extended to the Government of Egypt".

Christine McCafferty, the Labour MP for Calder Valley, whose constituents included the three dead members of the Turner family, said: "I welcome the minister's message of condolence for the family and would like to be associated with them. I also welcome your unequivocal condemnation of terrorism."

Michael Fallon, the Tory MP for Sevenoaks who represented two other Britons who died, George and Ivy Wigham, spoke of "the widespread shock and grief in Swanley that a dream holiday for two pensioners should have ended in murder".



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Tourists advised to stay away

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

THE Egyptian Minister of Tourism called at the Foreign Office yesterday for talks with Baroness Symons. Mamdouh el-Beltagui expressed his Government's sorrow and condolences and discussed Egypt's readiness to help the thousands of tourists seeking a swift return home.

His visit was proposed before the Luxor massacre. Musa al-Amr, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, also telephoned Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to convey a message of sympathy to the victims' relatives.

The Foreign Office said that its emergency response team had received around 1,000 calls by mid-morning to the lines set up to help those seeking information or concerned about relatives.

The Foreign Office issued revised travel advice detailing the "major incident" near Luxor and saying that this suggested that the threat to tourists visiting Upper Egypt had increased. British visitors were advised to exercise "great caution" when visiting the area of the Nile valley south of, and including, Minya province. It added: "They are strongly advised to avoid the Luxor area until further notice." Foreign Office officials said they had rushed out the notice as soon as the details of the massacre became clear.

It was sent to all travel agents and tour organisers who normally request guidance on the level of risk in any of the main tourist destinations. Travel advice is based on information sent to London by British embassies abroad.

It is drawn up in consultation with consuls, who have to deal with any emergencies, and includes a political assessment of any instability or terrorist threat.

Not all tourist destinations are covered, and advice is issued only if the situation appears unstable. The Foreign Office said it was impossible to predict any outbreak of violence, and a blanket warning to keep away was often resented by countries whose economies depend largely on tourism.

The Foreign Office refuses to take responsibility for individual visits and therefore will not guarantee anyone's safety, preferring to outline the risks and leave decisions to travellers. However, most advice echoes the statement issued on Egypt yesterday: "Visitors to all other parts of Egypt, including Cairo, the Red Sea and Sinai, are advised to be vigilant and to respect any advice from the local security authorities."

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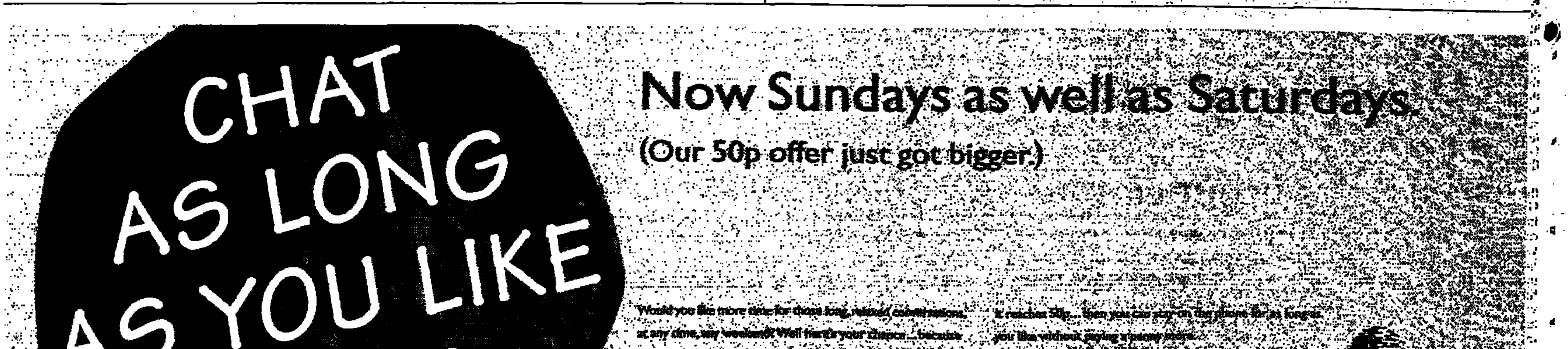

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British tourists angry at leaving Luxor

Holiday companies accused of panicking

Many Britons, unhappy at their forced repatriation, were determined to return, reports **David Hannah**

BRITISH holidaymakers were angry yesterday that they were being flown out of Luxor after the terrorist massacre. They said that the Foreign Office and tour companies had overreacted.

Convoys of coaches took visitors to Luxor airport as tour operators sent charter flights to evacuate the area. The bus came in their scores from such companies as Thomson, Kuoni and Golden Joy Holidays. Most big tour firms decided to pull out, only some of the small independent travel groups giving their clients the chance to stay on.

One group of tourists had arrived only last night for a two-week tour of the region and were going back to London within 12 hours. Jenny Reynolds, from Birmingham, was with her 85-year-old mother, Eileen Reynolds. "It's just pure panic," Dr Reynolds said. "We were asked at Heathrow last night if we wanted to go and we all said yes."

Geoff Gregg of Luton, Bedfordshire, said: "I'm absolutely furious with the Foreign Office. What message will we be sending to the terrorists if the British pull out?"

Gemma and Nick Wells, from Crowborough, East Sussex, said they had travelled around the world and did not want to return home. Mr Wells said: "As soon as the situation clears, I'll be the first to come back."

Tourists had been advised to remain inside their hotels and boats after the attack at the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. But a handful were mingling with local Egyptians outside the Luxor city council office. Many tourists spoke of their respect for the Egyptian people, saying that they had done much to ease the situation.

Troops lined the El Nil Corniche and were positioned outside hotels, on rooftops, on terraces and alongside the cruisers that lined the east bank of the Nile. It soon became clear that they were there not to protect visitors but for the arrival of President Mubarak's cavalcade, which roared down the street in the haze and dust of the late morning.

As the President left Luxor after a meeting with bazaar traders, the troops and security forces left too, leaving the streets to return to a more normal situation and more tourists to emerge from their hotels.

In the ancient temples on the east bank of the river and the Great Valley of the Kings on the west bank, only a few white-hatted tourists were seen among the giant ancient pillars. Their main source of information had come only from telephone calls home. Steven Coulson, 45, from Pontefract, who is studying Egyptology at Manchester University, was with ten other Britons in the town and did not plan to leave. He said: "The shooting has shaken everyone up. People don't know whether to stay or go. British people are hoping to be moved out, but independent travellers like me don't know what to do. Luxor is like a ghost town. Everyone is terrified and wants to get out. I won't be leaving, though.

> ❛We're furious with the Foreign Office. What message will we send to terrorists if we pull out?❜

"The Egyptian people are very angry and embarrassed about what has happened. They feel the attack was against them as well as the tourists." One Egyptian said that many of the local people wanted to burn the bodies of the gunmen.

Frank Denver, 27, from North London, said: "We were told we all had to go, but my girlfriend and I have only just arrived and are insisting on staying put. We take the view that this was a one-off incident. It is not as if there is a war on here and that we could be next."

Lesley Anderson, a nurse from Hedon, East Yorkshire, was on holiday with her mother, Jean Brownlee, and were upset with tour operators for cutting their holiday short by a day. She said: "It is pandemonium. The hotel foyers are full of people trying to check out. We don't feel at any risk, but we are being made to go home, and we think that is wrong."

But two young British women spoke of their fear at having to stay another night before they could catch a flight home. "We're trapped and terrified," said Jane Bussey, 23, from Bishop Auckland in Co Durham.

"We're staying in a £2-a-night pension down a little back street in the centre of town. It's not guarded and the people running it don't seem to realise how serious the situation is. We've been desperate to get out since we heard of the massacre."

During the day she and Tracy Jackson stay in the lobby of a well-guarded three-star hotel, but they do not have enough money to sleep there.

Ms Bussey, an accounts clerk, said: "Luxor is like a city under siege. The police have got helicopters flying overhead, the police are patrolling the river and there are police cars everywhere, with roadblocks."

As night fell, the streets were quiet, the horse-and-trap drivers lined up without custom, the glittering bazaar stalls were becoming deserted. Most of the luxury cruisers remained tied up, their doors locked. Only a few white-sailed fishing boats plied their way from shore to shore.

Rosemarie Dousse recovering in hospital in Cairo yesterday. She smeared herself with blood and played dead

Survivor tells of methodical killing

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

A SURVIVOR of the massacre told yesterday how the gunmen had methodically finished off their victims. Rosemarie Dousse said: "They shot everyone in the arms and legs. Then they killed everyone who was alive with a shot to the head."

Mrs Dousse, a Swiss, said that she had survived only because she was covered by the bodies of two other tourists killed instantly when her group was first fired upon. She was shot in the arms and legs, but soaked her headscarf in blood and smeared herself with it, then pretended she was dead when they returned. "They kept on coming back, the terrorists, they were dancing, singing: 'Allah, Allah.' "

She added: "They took all the young women, the girls, and disappeared with them. I do not know where they went with the women, but they hurt them, we could hear screams of pain."

An Egyptian driver, Hagag al-Nahas, said that he had dropped off a busload of tourists at the temple when the gunmen charged aboard. "There were six of them, five in police uniforms and another wearing jeans, who came aboard and told me to drive them away from the temple. So I drove them round and round. They had the walkie-talkies of the policemen they had killed, so they could hear everything that was going on."

Egyptians reacted with fury to the massacre. "They should take a terrorist in a public square and cut him up into tiny pieces to set an example," said Azza Abdel-Naby, a 27-year-old Cairo nurse. In Luxor, villagers spat on the bodies of the six gunmen as they were being carried to waiting ambulances. "Luxor lives on tourism. If that goes, there is nothing," said Magdi Wassef, a 32-year-old hotel waiter.

Nurse on holiday helped out at hospital

By Daniel McGrory

A BRITISH nurse holidaying in Luxor was among those who helped to cope with the scores of dead and dying as they were brought to the city's general hospital.

For ten hours Sue Kelly worked in the overflowing emergency ward treating the wounds of tourists who described to her how they had been stabbed and shot.

"There was such confusion that the dead bodies were just left next to the injured who were crying out for help," she said. "All around there were friends and family pushing between us, all trying to find their loved ones. It was so cruel and harrowing to watch. You felt helpless in the face of such suffering."

Mrs Kelly, a divorcée from Haywards Heath in Sussex and a regular visitor to Luxor, was asked to go to the hospital by the manager of her hotel. She said: "It was obvious that many had been shot at close range, and others had been stabbed. They told me how the terrorists had run among them, shouting and slashing at them with knives. One man almost had his head severed. So many of those being brought in were beyond help."

She saw victims who had their throats cut. Others had their stomachs cleaved open by stab wounds. "It looked as if they had been executed rather than caught up in some random attack. The floors were running in blood."

Sue Kelly: "It was so cruel and harrowing"

Airlift brings 2,000 home as travel firms count the cost

By Arthur Leathley and Paul Whittaker

ELEVEN empty charter aircraft flew to Egypt yesterday to bring home an estimated 2,000 British holidaymakers, including nearly 1,300 from the city of Luxor.

Every available seat on scheduled and pre-arranged charter flights was booked to ensure that no-one was forced to remain in Egypt against their wishes. Senior travel industry figures said it was the largest single peace-time evacuation.

The first of the relieved tourists arrived at Heathrow airport yesterday evening to be reunited with relatives who had waited for 24 hours for confirmation of their safety. More than 100 people on an over-fifties holiday were flown home by Egypt Air after being forced to cut short their stay.

Nessie Brisbane, 72, from Falkirk, said: "We were on our way in a tour bus to the Valley of the Queens. We were told to stay where we were until a police escort came. We were whisked away to our hotel and told we had to leave Luxor as soon as possible."

The Cosmos holiday company said it was bringing all its customers in the area back to Britain, with sister company Monarch having arranged two flights out of Luxor. Airtours said it was arranging to fly home its 351 holidaymakers in the Luxor area. It would fly about 600 holidaymakers to Manchester and Gatwick today — 351 Airtours clients, plus those of Golden Joy, Cosmos, First Choice and Aztec. Most tour operators have promised full refunds for holidays cut short.

Several companies have cancelled flights to Egypt later in the week and some operators have cancelled holidays in Egypt for the rest of the year at the busiest time.

Thomson, Britain's biggest holiday company, said it was cancelling its three Egypt-bound flights yesterday. A spokesman said: "All those in Egypt at present are being given the option of coming home early."

Many of the thousands of tourists forced to cut short their holidays had booked with small, up-market operators who are increasingly dependent on the recent growth in the Middle East market. Improved travel links and the growth in five-star accommodation has introduced Egypt and neighbouring countries to a new market of luxury holidays costing up to £2,500 per person.

Among the most experienced operator specialising in Egypt is Bales Tours, a Surrey firm that was among the first to focus on the Middle East in 1962. Molly Bales, the firm's managing director, said: "We are used to problems arising in Egypt but this one will have a bigger impact. This one is more terrible and it will make people think again about Egypt for some time."

Golfers mourn their friends

By Peter Foster
and Daniel McGrory

THE veterans' section of Lullingstone Golf Club in Kent is in mourning over the death of a popular member and his wife in the Luxor massacre.

Last Thursday two of their oldest members set off with their wives for a winter holiday in Egypt. David Middleton and his wife Sheila survived the attack by Islamic terrorists. Their close friends George and Ivy Wigham lost their lives.

Yesterday, Brian Vallance, the secretary of Lullingstone Golf Club, said the two men had partnered each other in competitions for nearly 20 years. "They played together in the local league and came up to the club three or four times a week together. They were both charming people and George will be sorely missed," he said.

The week before leaving for Egypt the veterans group discussed the trip over coffee and sandwiches which they always shared after golf. "George was fatalistic about the dangers," Alan Philpott, the veterans' treasurer, said. " 'If you're going to be killed, you're going to be killed' was what George always used to say. David was much more apprehensive and decided to take all the necessary precautions."

George and Ivy Wigham: their son Paul told them that they should take bullet-proof vests to Egypt

Paul Wigham tried to persuade his parents against their plans to sail down the Nile for their dream holiday because of the dangers.

After hearing how gunmen callously executed tour groups they found at the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, he was haunted by the thought they too had been forced to kneel before being shot at point-blank range.

"I just get the same picture of my mother and father being forced to kneel down while someone machineguns them to death. I am a believer in non-violence. I think it is quite appalling they should treat innocent people in this way, quite appalling."

The 45-year-old computer consultant told how his parents were just two days into a holiday that was to be a celebration of his mother finishing her Open University degree. They were undaunted by reports of terrorist attacks and were determined to enjoy their cruise with the Middletons.

Friends and family yesterday described George, 69, and Ivy, 71, from Swanley in Kent, as "a devoted couple who lived for each other, their children and their two grandchildren".

Mr Wigham said: "For all their lives they have been careful. My mother, in particular, did not like doing risky things and it seemed to me they should have cancelled. But I could not talk them out of it.

"I actually said 'You should take some bullet-proof vests along with you'. I was terribly worried. I felt after the last incident that they should have made more of an effort to cancel.

"But my father was getting on a bit. He was 69 and they wanted to see the tombs before they died. I feel very sad. They were such wonderful parents, giving, gentle people."

Mr Wigham said that Foreign Office diplomats had been of little help and it was only when he telephoned a number in Egypt that he was told his parents were among the victims.

Their daughter, Angela, and her two young daughters were last night said to be distraught.

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Crowning moment for the royal survivors

Alan Hamilton surveys a reunion of monarchs for the Queen's anniversary

HEREDITARY monarchy may not grip the popular imagination as it once did, but there will be as many crowned heads at the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh's golden-wedding anniversary tomorrow as there were at their marriage service.

Some of them, admittedly, are now more deposed than regnant. In 50 years, some monarchs have lost their thrones, some have regained them and some still wait for the telephone to ring.

The guest list for the thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey includes eight crowned heads and their heirs, which Buckingham Palace officials believe is an unprecedented gathering, at least since the days when Victoria's relations used to assemble at her feet at Balmoral.

Stable thrones will be represented at the Abbey, including the present hereditary heads of state of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Luxembourg, Belgium and The Netherlands. Their parents and grandparents were wedding guests half a century ago.

There are two newcomers, the royal families of Spain and Jordan, absent from the original feast. Spain was still in its Franco period, with the throne in abeyance, and Jordan was then still Transjordan, newly created out of the British Palestine mandate with King Abdullah as its new head of state. King Juan Carlos will attend tomorrow with most of his immediate family; King Husain is otherwise engaged, but is sending numerous children.

One monarch who regretted attending the 1947 wedding was King Michael of Romania. During his absence, Communists overthrew him, and on his return forced him to leave at gunpoint. The king, with his wife and heir, are now based in Switzerland, and will be at tomorrow's service, as will King Simeon of Bulgaria and his immediate family. The Bulgarians were absent from the 1947 wedding, and have still not reclaimed their throne.

Given the Duke of Edinburgh's antecedents, neither wedding nor anniversary would be complete without the Greeks. They were there in force in 1947 and will be so again tomorrow, led by King Constantine, the last Greek monarch, who now lives in London.

One of the most hopeless thrones since the end of the Second World War has been that of Yugoslavia. That unhappy country's royal family were not at the 1947 wedding, despite having spent the war exiled in London. Crown Prince Alexander, current claimant to the throne of a nation which in reality no longer exists, and himself a long-time London resident, will be among the guests.

Others at the service will include most members of the British royal family, a large contingent of the Duke of Edinburgh's Greek and German relations, members of the Mountbatten family, staff of the Royal Household, and many of the Queen and Duke's personal friends.

20 children arrested after rampage on bus

By Russell Jenkins

POLICE arrested 20 schoolchildren after they went on the rampage on a double-decker bus on their way home from school in Doncaster.

The youngsters, aged 11 to 12, screamed, shouted and spat as they ran riot through the bus, repeatedly opening the emergency door and rocking the vehicle from side to side.

Officers, called to the scene, took the children to Doncaster police station, where they were released without charge. Police are talking to teachers about further action. Two of the pupils, from Hall Cross Lower School, in Doncaster, have been excluded and a further four or five face similar punishment.

After complaints from Mainline, the bus company, the local education authority has written to parents warning them that it is "simply not willing to tolerate such behaviour".

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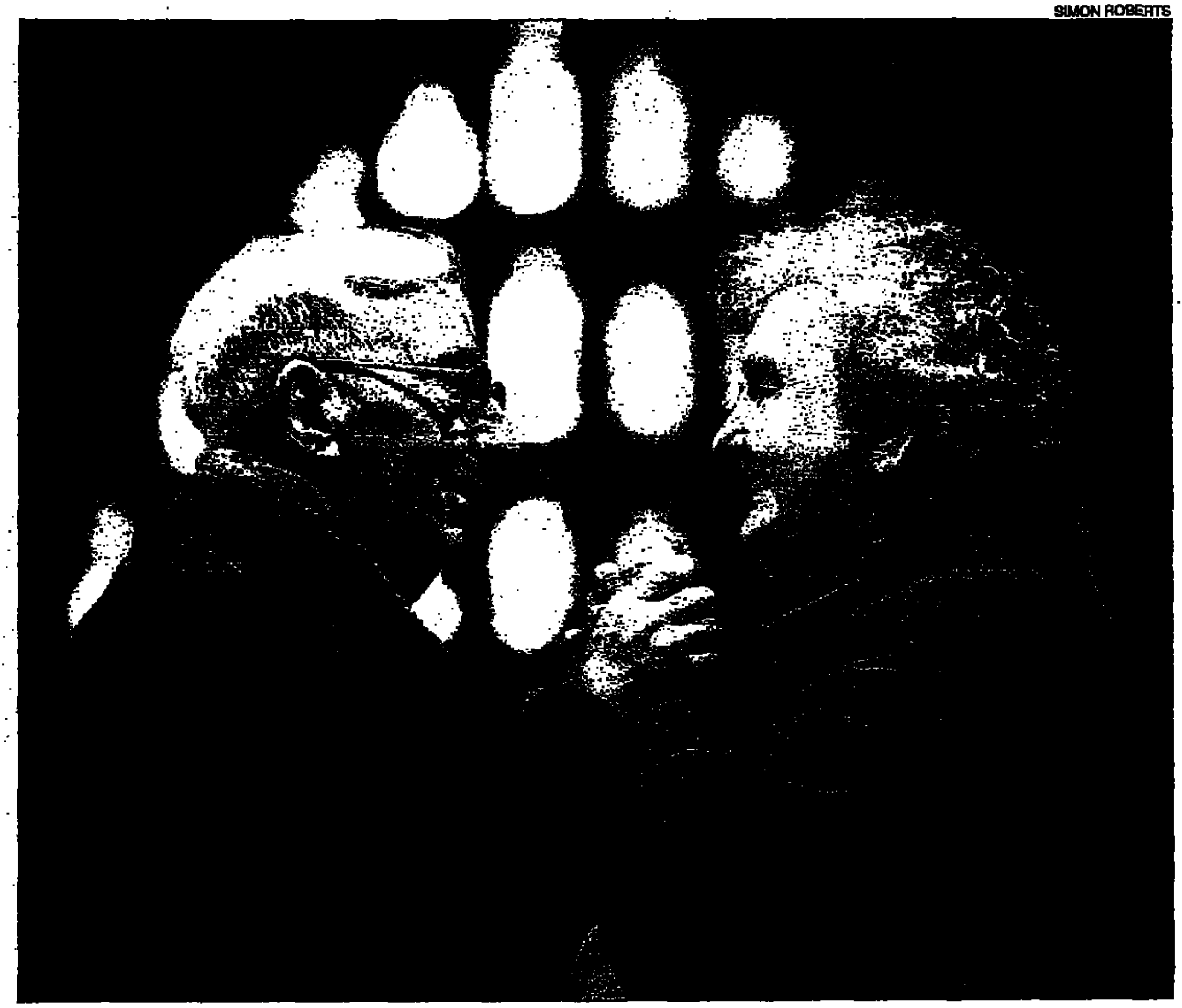


One of the 850 couples at Manchester Cathedral yesterday. Music created for the Queen's wedding was played

Golden wedding couples renew vows at service

By Russell Jenkins

MORE than 850 couples who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversaries this year renewed their marriage vows at a special service at Manchester Cathedral yesterday.

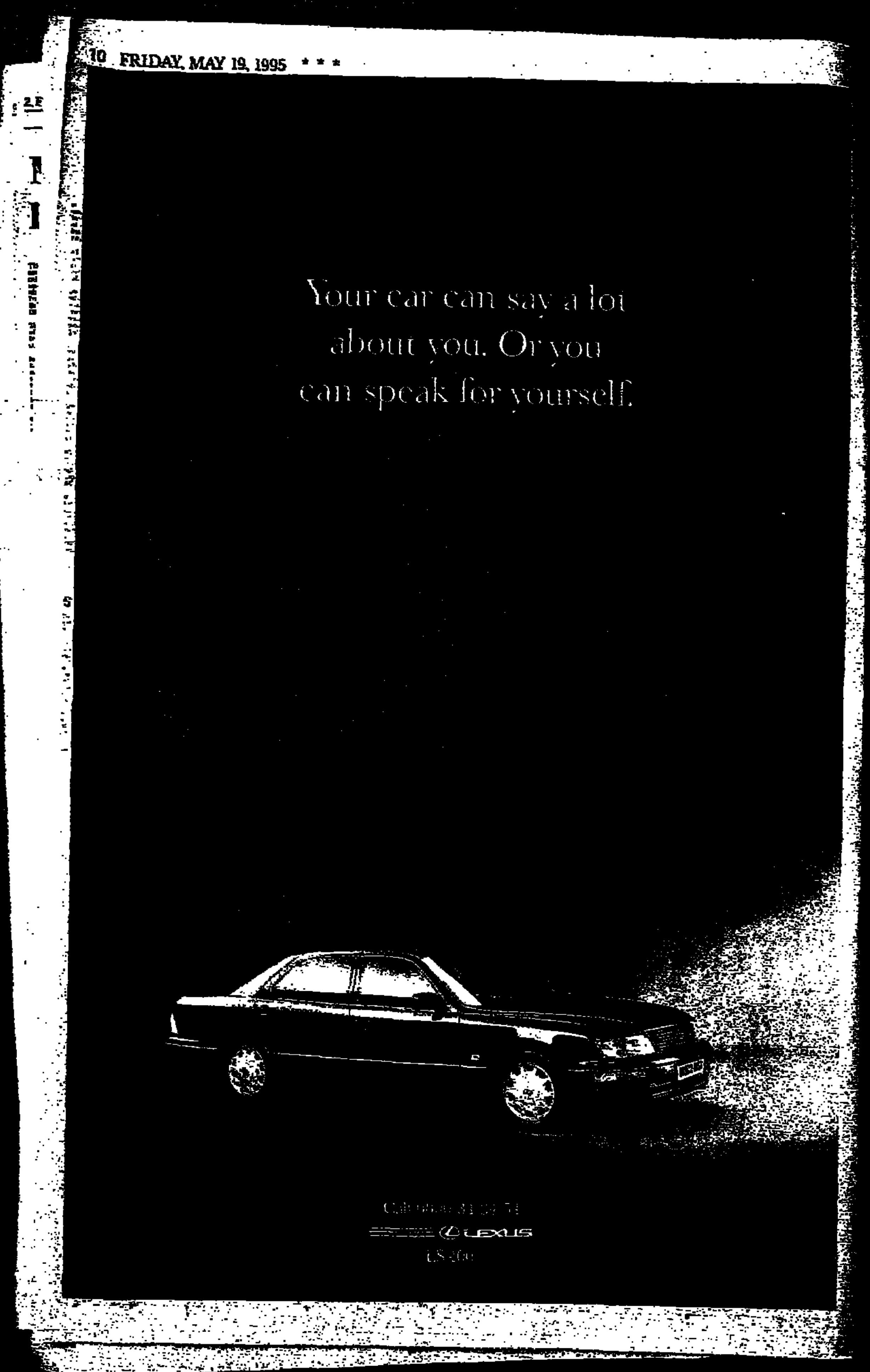
The service, organised by the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, was timed to coincide with the week that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh celebrate their own anniversary. All the couples attending took part in the ballot to attend the golden wedding garden party at Buckingham Palace in the summer.

Colonel John Timmins, the Lord Lieutenant, said: "Many of those who married in those austere days of 1947 could not have many trimmings which people associate with weddings today. They were usually very simple with little ceremony. We worked with the cathedral to make this service evoke memories and be as much like a wedding day as it can be."

Among the invited guests were Diane McNiece, 30, and Mark Kain, 26, whose wedding day in the cathedral was disrupted by the IRA bomb in the city last summer. The couple, who were eventually married on June 14, renewed their vows yesterday. Mrs Kane said: "We had hoped to walk through the west door [last year] but it was certainly disappointing to have to change our plans. This is a lovely idea, getting together with golden wedding couples. It makes you realise others have suffered too."

The Lord Lieutenant and his ushers wore morning dress at the service. The music, created for the Queen's wedding, was played by the Band of the King's Division Normandy. Each of the couples received a piece of wedding cake and souvenir orders of service. There was also a message of good wishes recorded by the Queen.

Donald and Constance Ridgway, of Stockport, were among those recalling their wedding day. He said: "It is a dream come true for both of us to renew our vows here."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Accused officer 'let the side down' over affair

By Michael Horsnell

AN RAF officer became the "lap dog" of his Serbian interpreter after she manipulated him with sexual favours during his tour of duty as a military observer in Bosnia, a court was told yesterday.

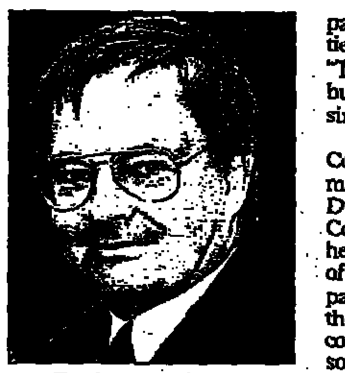
Squadron Leader Nicholas Tucker, 46, who is accused of murdering his wife in Britain after being captivated by a fascination for his 21-year-old mistress, was said to have obeyed her every whim. During his relationship with Dijana Dudokovic in the northern sector of the war zone in 1995, she undermined the United Nations military operation, and Squadron Leader Tucker "let the side down as a British officer", it was alleged. The passionate relationship was described by Lieutenant Tim Stear, of the Royal Marines, who served for a month with Squadron Leader Tucker.

Using military vehicles he would take her shopping when he should have been on patrol, said Lieutenant Stear. "The military operations were based around her whim. It appeared that, whilst I was there, he was running around after her, fetching and carrying beer and food at parties."

On the second day of Squadron Leader Tucker's trial for the murder of his wife, Carol, 52, in a car crash he is accused of faking, the jury was told that Miss Dudokovic had been prepared to use her attractiveness on "whoever was in charge". Lieutenant Stear told Norwich Crown Court that the relationship had interfered with the accused's military duties. He said that he had seen Squadron Leader Tucker every day for a month at headquarters, where two interpreters were assigned to them. Because of Miss Dudokovic's behaviour, the other interpreter was given an unfair burden.

Lieutenant Stear claimed that Miss Dudokovic had been manipulative and "using sex to do so. That is her best asset." He added: "In my opinion, as a British officer he was letting the side down in terms of professionalism."

Lieutenant Stear told the court that Jens Solvang, the Norwegian former operations manager in the sector, had criticised Squadron Leader Tucker's behaviour. In subsequent reports from Sector North to the UN Protection Force in Zagreb, however, all officers were described as "excellent". But Lieutenant Stear said that he did not agree with the reports.



Tucker: he denies murdering his wife

Cross-examined by David Cocks, QC, for the defence, the lieutenant was asked: "Are you saying he [Tucker] neglected his patrolling duties because he was doing favours for Dijana?" Lieutenant Stear replied: "That's what I am saying sir, yes."

"What you are telling this jury is that he [Tucker] was idle, incompetent and did not pay any attention to his duties." Lieutenant Stear replied: "That's very strong language, but it is not far from the truth, sir."

Lieutenant Stear denied Mr Cocks's suggestion that he had made a pass at Miss Dudukovic at a party. Mr Cocks then put it to him that he could not remember much of the party because he had passed out. The jury were then shown pictures of a man collapsed at the bottom of some stairs. Lieutenant Stear was asked if it was him. "Yes, sir, that's me passed out at the bottom of the stairs," he replied.

Earlier the jury was taken to the scene of the car crash near Icklingham, Suffolk. Squadron Leader Tucker is accused of staging the crash near the home he shared with his wife and two children at Honington after returning from his six-month tour of Bosnia in 1995. The jury has been told that the officer, who denies murder, deliberately crashed his car into the shallow river.

His wife was found at the side of the car, drowned, but, it is alleged, only after her husband had asphyxiated her.

The trial continues.

SIMON WALKER

Dijana Dudokovic with her husband in Zurich, where they now live, last night

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drug czar's deputy took cannabis

The deputy to the new "drug czar" was appointed to the £45,000 post after admitting to three Cabinet ministers that he had smoked cannabis while he was a student.

Michael Trace, 36, disclosed that he had "experimented" with the drug at Bristol Polytechnic. His drug-taking was known to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, and Ann Taylor, Leader of the House.

Keith Hellawell, the former Chief Constable of West Yorkshire who is to be the "drugs czar", formally known as the Anti-Drugs Co-ordinator, from January, told the ministers he had never taken illegal drugs.

Clegg appeal

Lee Clegg, the paratrooper fighting his conviction for murdering an 18-year-old Belfast joyrider, will learn today whether the Court of Appeal will admit new evidence that he hopes will clear his name. A panel of three judges will rule on the admissibility of ballistics tests ordered by his defence team.

Fears for trawler

An RAF Nimrod plane and a helicopter searching for the 70ft trawler *Margaretha Maria*, with four crew from Newlyn, Cornwall, spotted debris in the sea near her last reported position. The area has been hit by gales. The search for the vessel, which has been out of radio contact for a week, continues today.

Youngest sex pest

A 13-year-old boy has become the youngest person on the new national register of sex offenders. He was put on the list after admitting six indecent assaults on girls at his school in Huddersfield, west Yorkshire, over more than 18 months. He was also placed under supervision for two years.

Rodgers elected

Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, 69, one of the "Gang of Four" of Labour Shadow ministers who defected to form the Social Democratic Party in 1981, has been elected leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords. He will succeed Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, another founder of the SDP, in the new year.

£14m tagging bill

A national scheme of electronic tagging would cost £13.9 million in its first year, according to a Home Office study. It estimated that about 8,000 tagging orders would be imposed annually by the courts. The the cost of a curfew order linked to a tag is £1,750, compared with £2,200 for a probation order.

The drunk driver who trapped himself

By Simon de Bruxelles

POLICE had no trouble catching a drunk driver after he left a public car park. Keith Hammond, a former chauffeur, mistook a pedestrian access for the exit and found himself trapped, with the doors of his Ford Fiesta jammed against the sides of the narrow walkway. Then he fell asleep.

The car was so firmly wedged that a tow truck was needed to free it. Yesterday magistrates at Totnes, Devon, were told that Hammond, 56, had an alcohol reading 5½ times the legal limit, one of the highest on record.

Hammond, of Chillington, Devon, who had no previous convictions, admitted drink-driving in the incident at Torcross. He was banned from driving while pre-sentence reports are prepared.

Madeleine Jackson, for the prosecution, said: "An officer found Hammond slumped forward with his head on his chest. The handbrake was off and the car was in first gear."

John Hansell, for the defence, said: "Hammond is a man of impeccable character. He drove for the chairman of a large British company."

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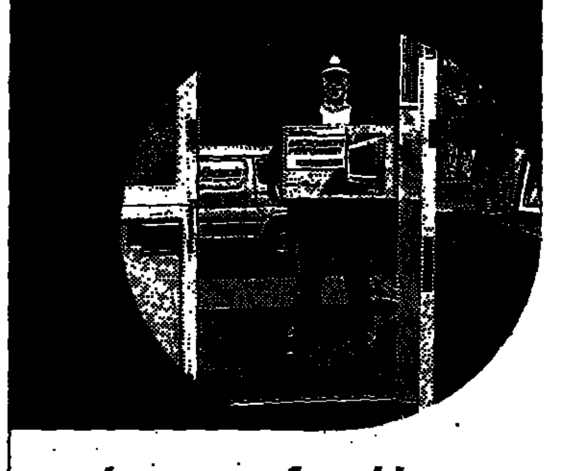

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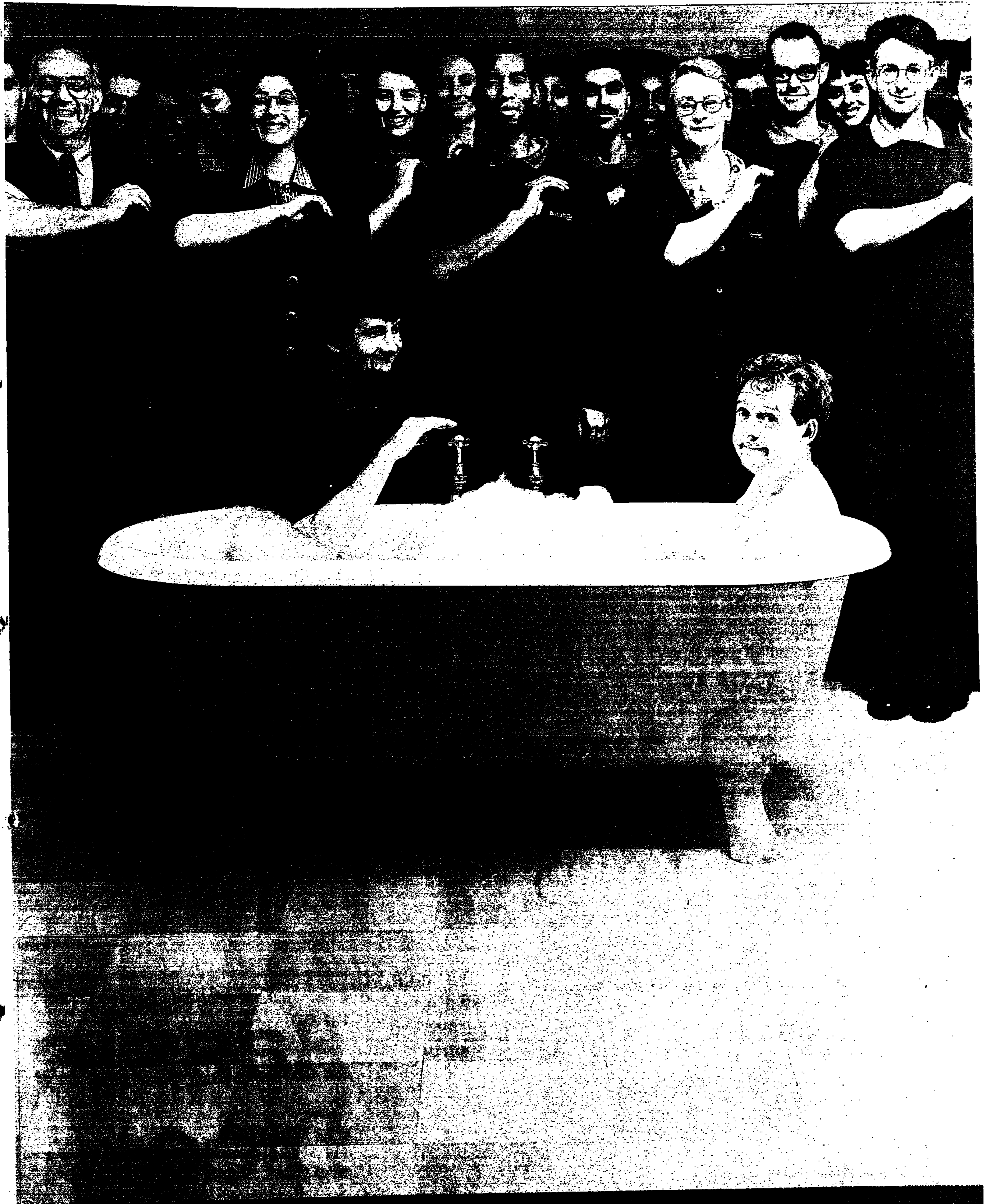

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Man seen fleeing from fields where Kate's body lay

By Joanna Bale

Kate Bushell: found 300 yards from home

A MAN who appeared to be covered in blood was seen running from fields where the body of the murdered schoolgirl Kate Bushell was found, detectives said yesterday.

He was spotted by a witness around the time that Kate's father discovered the 14-year-old's body with a deep cut to the throat. Mr Bushell had gone out looking for his daughter, accompanied by a policeman, when she failed to return home after walking a neighbour's dog.

Detective Superintendent John Smith said: "We must find this man. If he is not the offender, then he is a vital witness. His sweatshirt was red-stained, which could have been blood."

The man, who had a moustache, was seen running from fields into the Kinnerton estate, a modern development near Kate's home in Exwick, on the outskirts of Exeter. He was described as in his early 30s, white, 5ft 10in or 5ft 11in, medium build, with short brown hair and wearing a blue sweatshirt, jeans and muddy trainers. He was seen around 7.40pm on Saturday.

Police also appealed for information on a second man who had been seen in the area. He was described as scruffy, 5ft 10in to 5ft 11in, late 30s to early 40s, straggly "salt and pepper" hair, thickset, with stubble and a brown checked overcoat.

Detectives disclosed that a London businessman, who wished not to be named, had offered a £20,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the killer. Detective Superintendent Michael Stephens, who is leading the murder hunt, said: "He has stated that the sole reason for putting forward the reward is because he is a concerned parent."

As the search for the murder weapon continued yesterday, firefighters drained a pond near the scene. Police also continued house-to-house inquiries in the area.

Alison and Stuart Smith, who own Gemma, the Jack Russell which Kate had been taking for a walk, spoke yesterday of their guilt that she had died while helping them when they were away on holiday. Mr Smith, a building site manager, said: "Initially, we felt shock and guilt that Kate was taking out our dog. We want to catch this man as soon as possible. If anybody knows of anything or has seen anything, they should contact the police."

Mrs Smith, a dinner lady, added: "Kate was a very intelligent and very responsible girl, who was much older than her years. She used to babysit for our three children and took care of our dog when we were away."

Mr Smith said Kate's parents, Suzanne and Jeremy, were coping well. He said: "I don't think the shock has set in yet. They are keen to speak out, but not at the moment."

SAMANTHA PRITCHARD

Stuart and Alison Smith with Gemma yesterday. Mr Smith said: "We felt guilt that Kate was taking out our dog"

Mrs Smith said she had never felt unsafe in the area and that the route Kate had taken was well-known to local people. She added that their eldest daughter, Katy, 10, had broken down in tears when told of her friend's death. "She has since been to see the Bushells to give them her condolences."

Mr Smith said of Kate: "She had so much energy and loved children and dogs. She was very motherly to our children.

"We are spending a lot of time with Suzanne and Jeremy and we are trying just to be there for them as much as we can."

Margaret Bushell, Kate's grandmother, from Norfolk, said: "We are devastated. I think you have already been told what a lovely girl she was."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Emergency cancer line inundated with calls

An emergency helpline set up after it was revealed that thousands of smear tests could have failed to detect signs of cancer has been inundated with calls from worried women, health chiefs said. More than 600 women called the helpline in 12 hours.

Warwickshire Health Authority is to rescreen 18,000 slides after doubts were cast on the accuracy of the tests, between January 1995 and April 1997, at a pathology laboratory at the Hospital of St Cross in Rugby. Results are expected in three months.

Fate sealed

A lifeboat became stuck on the seabed near Brighton beach after it was hit twice by 12ft waves while searching for a body reported floating in the water. One crewman was rescued by coastguard helicopter and two others reached the shore unaided. The "body" was a live seal.

Flower power

A rose named after Diana, Princess of Wales has proved so popular that buyers now face a two year-waiting list. The elegant white rose, unveiled at the Chelsea Flower Show last year, was named after the Princess to raise funds for the British Lung Foundation.

TV verdict delay

The High Court reserved judgment on whether Brentwood Borough Council in Essex exceeded its powers when closed-circuit television film of a man trying to kill himself with a knife was given to media organisations. It was shown on the BBC's *Crime Beat*.

Arresting line-up

Peter Kavanagh, 21, a burglary suspect wanted for jumping bail, was re-arrested when he joined an identity parade at Bridewell police station in Bristol for the £10 paid to volunteers. He was recognised by a WPC.

Benny's last bow

Jack Benny's violin, part of the late comedian's act for more than 40 years, fetched £49,900 at Sotheby's London. Benny once accompanied the piano-playing President Truman and duetted with Richard Nixon.

Tourist's curse

A stone taken as a souvenir from Conwy Castle in North Wales has been posted back from New Zealand by a terrified tourist called Conway. She believed it was cursed after she was hit by a run of bad luck.

Villagers in a flap over dovecote

Simon de Bruxelles on a proposal to turn a 15th-century nesting site into a B&B guesthouse

ITS ORIGINAL residents have long since flown, but villagers living near Britain's largest surviving medieval dovecote are determined that no one else should move in.

Plans by the family that has owned the dovecote for 300 years to turn it into bed and breakfast accommodation have united the residents of a Cotswold village. They have formed a Save the Dovecote society, engaged the services of a London barrister who has a weekend cottage in the village, and intend to set up a charitable trust to buy it.

The 15th-century stone dovecote is 30ft high, has 1,175 nesting holes and is a landmark in the village of Naunton, near Stow-on-the-Wold. It is situated in watermeadows close to the River Windrush and featured in the 1992 BBC costume drama *Adam Bede*, starring Patsy Kensit and Sean Bean.

Naunton was the home of the former Tory Environment Secretary, the late Nicholas Ridley, who was accused of being a Nimby when he objected to plans to build new houses in the village. Martin Macklin, a local publican, submitted the plan to convert the Grade II listed dovecote for an elderly cousin, Geoffrey Hanks, the landowner behind the development opposed by Mr Ridley.

Mr Macklin wants to turn the rundown dovecote into a one-bedroom house and erect three separate accommodation units for family and bed-and-breakfast use on the same site.

But villagers have approached the National Trust and English Heritage with proposals for a joint venture to buy and restore the dovecote. Dr Peter Morton, chairman of the Naunton Dovecote Conservation Group, said: "We have already held two meetings with nearly 70 villagers turning up at each. The local stonemason and other villagers have already offered their skills to help with restoration and a barrister with a weekend home here, Michael Crystal, QC, has offered his services."

Mr Macklin, landlord of the Black Horse Inn, said he wanted to conserve the building, which had been in his family for generations. He said: "The best way of saving it is to find a viable alternative use for it and that is precisely what turning it into a home would do. Outwardly the only change to its appearance would be glass in the windows."

Mr Hanks, in his 80s, says he is unlikely to sell to villagers, whether or not the application is approved. He said: "Most of them haven't been here more than 3½ minutes and now they are telling local families what to do."

Race council lawyer victimised colleague

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE Commission for Racial Equality was found guilty yesterday of discriminating against an Asian employee because she had made a previous complaint against the organisation.

Chris Boothman, an Afro-Caribbean who is the CRE's legal director, acted out of personal animosity and manipulated an appointments panel to damage Raj Naidoo's attempt to become a principal officer, an industrial tribunal found. Mr Boothman tried to help an Afro-Caribbean employee by setting interview questions based on work that she had carried out during the previous two weeks.

The tribunal ruled that Mrs Naidoo had been suffered discrimination as a result of victimisation. But it said that her claim of racial discrimination was "not well founded".

The tribunal dismissed Mr Boothman's evidence as "not credible" and found a series of failings at the CRE over the appointments procedure. Key documents were altered and the originals were missing, the non-lawyer on the recruitment panel was influenced to change radically her marks for Mrs Naidoo and assessment sheets were not signed by all panel members.

The tribunal said that Mrs Naidoo, a South African-born Indian barrister, was unfairly treated by Mr Boothman, who had a strong reason to disadvantage her because she had made a previous complaint against him.

"His denial that he acted in a discriminatory manner is contradicted by the facts as we have found them in respect of his credibility and his attempt to assist [the Afro-Caribbean employee]".

Naidoo: assessment marks were changed

The tribunal at Croydon, South London, said: "We are convinced that this was a matter of personal animosity on the part of Mr Boothman, who manipulated the outcome of the deliberations of the panel to ensure that Mrs Naidoo was not appointed and was not even the next in line."

Mr Boothman faces the prospect of disciplinary proceedings over selection procedures.

Mrs Naidoo, from Finchely, North London, had failed to become principal legal officer in 1994 and complained to an industrial tribunal that she had been racially discriminated against when the post went to a white woman. She withdrew the complaint and in 1995 applied for the post when it again became vacant.

A statement from the CRE said that it did not accept it acted unreasonably but took seriously the tribunal finding.

100ft hole swallows garage and garden

By A Staff Reporter

A MAN who has lived in the same house since he was a child returned home from work to find half the garden he tends every day had disappeared down a 100ft hole.

Ken Derham, 54, said he could not believe his eyes when an old mineshaft opened up and swallowed half his garage, a coal shed and the garden path at the side of his end-of-terrace home in Fishponds, Bristol. The Victorian house had to be fenced off while the Coal Authority, which is footing the bill, worked through the night to repair damage estimated at £10,000.

Mr Derham, a factory worker, said yesterday: "I was shocked. I have lived here since I was seven but I never realised there was a mineshaft. The ground at the side of the house just caved in. I didn't realise how deep or wide it was until they started to fill it in." Workmen poured in 300 tonnes of concrete and stone to plug the hole.

Mr Derham added: "It's lucky there was nobody at the side of the house. It went down right where we had a coal bunker at the end of the garden."

Ranji Patel, a neighbour, said: "One of our bedroom walls has a 6ft crack in it and we were not allowed to use that room while they filled in the hole. I was very worried, but they say it's safe now."

According to experts, the disused shaft is one of 300,000 scattered around the country and could be up to 300 years old.

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Hospital waiting lists are growing by 1,000 a week

The Government is finding it hard to make good its election pledges, says **Ian Murray**

HOSPITAL waiting lists in England are now growing by more than 1,000 patients a week, forcing the Government to water down its election promise to cut them quickly by 100,000.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, unable to prise any more money from the Treasury to tackle the problem, yesterday scraped together £5 million from savings on NHS red tape to set up new bureaucratic units to oversee greater efficiency by health authorities. The units include an "action team" to find and co-ordinate good practice, plus eight regional task forces who will oversee management. If the advice is not followed they will be able to send in a hit squad to sort out the problems.

At the best, Mr Dobson hopes that the new system will be able to hold the line on waiting lists this winter as well as ensure that, by March, nobody has to wait longer than 18 months for treatment.

Labour was elected promising to cut the waiting list by 100,000, but figures released yesterday show that, between May and the end of September, it grew by more than 150,000 to 1,207,500 — the highest ever figure.

The number waiting more than one year increased by 11,000, or 24 per cent, to 57,700. Among those are 818 who have been waiting for more than 18 months — which the Patient's Charter states should be the absolute maximum time that anybody should have to spend without being treated.

In June of last year only nine people had been waiting more than 18 months. Mr Dobson said it was unacceptable that anyone had to wait that long. Blaming the growth of the waiting list on Conservative policies, he said it would probably not be until towards the end of the present Parliament in 2002 that Labour would be able to honour its election promise.

"The growing waiting lists are like a supertanker," he said. "It will take a long time to slow them down, longer to stop them and even longer to turn them round. But turn them round we will.

"We have provided an extra £300 million this year to help to restrain a growth in the list during the winter and from then on we will be setting milestones to reduce the size of it gradually."

Dobson: said cutting lists would take time

The man given the task of cutting waiting lists is Stephen Day, chairman of the new Waiting List Action Team, who as regional director in the West Midlands has succeeded in cutting the waiting list by 31,000 over two years.

Although more than half the 120 health authorities in England expect to enter the next financial year in debt, Mr Dobson made it clear that he did not expect to get any extra money to bail them out.

"The answer cannot just be loads of cash," he said. "There are huge differences between hospitals and regions serving similar populations. Organisation and good management to target resources must play their part."

☐ Health authorities are wasting money and effort duplicating work on expensive state-of-the-art specialised services, according to a report by the Audit Commission published today.

Two neighbouring authorities often carry out assessments of the same treatment, resulting in patients in one post code area receiving a new treatment which is denied to patients with an identical condition in another area.

Calling for a centralised body to act as a clearing house giving guidance on the cost effectiveness of new treatments, the public spending watchdog claims this would pay for itself in saving money from the £1.4 billion spent by the NHS each year on rare treatments such as bone marrow transplants, neurosurgery and cochlear implants.

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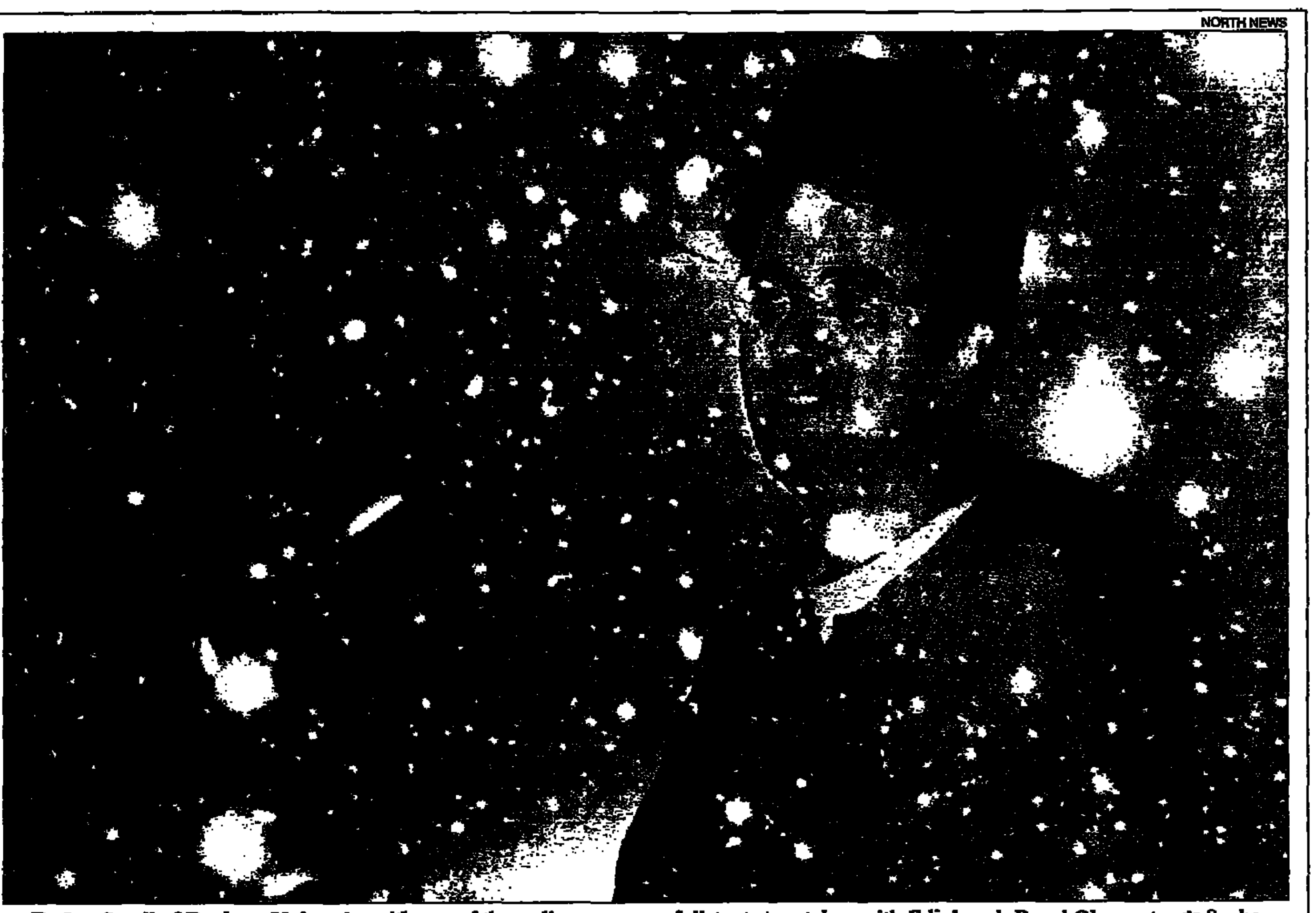

Dr Ian Smail of Durham University with one of the radio messages of distant stars taken with Edinburgh Royal Observatory's Scuba

British scientists find galaxy called Le Blob

By Paul Wilkinson

BRITISH astronomers have given the name Le Blob to a newly discovered galaxy 10 million light years from Earth.

The unconventional title celebrates the involvement of two French scientists in the discovery, and the splash of light it made in the first pictures taken with special equipment devised by the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh.

The discovery of Le Blob, one of several galaxies found at an observatory in Hawaii using a sensitive microwave detector called Scuba, happened almost by default. A team of three British scientists was carrying out research with the James Clerk Maxwell radio telescope on top of the dormant Mauna Kea volcano, 13,000ft above sea level, when their equipment failed. So they called in Scuba, the Submillimetre Common User Belometer Array, which took 50 years to build at the Edinburgh Observatory and had not been used before.

The brightly burning stars of the galaxy were shrouded from view in clouds of galactic dust. The dust absorbs the starlight and it can be picked up only as microwaves. Scuba was able to detect the microwaves as they penetrated the interstellar dust cloud, travelling at about one billion kilometres per hour.

One of the team, Dr Ian Smail, 31, of Durham University, said: "We were the first people to be lucky enough to use the Scuba microwave detector.

"It allowed us to detect the heat from the dust in these galaxies and take a picture. Even the most powerful telescopes had been unable to detect them in the past. It looked like a big blob, and we had two Frenchmen working alongside us, hence the name. We have looked into a part of the spectrum that has never been viewed before. It has allowed us to see, in a certain amount of detail, galaxies in their infancy.

"It will allow scientists a new insight into the way the galaxies are formed and help in establishing the date of creation of the universe. One of the things we are interested in is the time it took for the galaxies to form, whether it was in a sudden violent episode or over a period of a few billion years."

In one small section of the night sky the team — which also included Andrew Blain, of the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge, and Rob Ivison, from the University of Edinburgh — were able to identify a cluster of galaxies, each one estimated at 13 billion years old.

Parents win right to claim CJD damages

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

PARENTS of children who died from a fethal brain disease after being treated with growth hormone taken from human corpses won an appeal yesterday against being excluded from government compensation. The decision means that six families whose children developed Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) after being given the hormone to combat dwarfism will now be eligible to seek damages.

Between 1959 and 1985 some 2,000 children were enabled to attain normal stature through implants of growth hormone taken from the pituitary glands of almost a million corpses. A small number of these children — 26 to date — developed CJD. It has been established that they were inadvertently given growth hormone from the bodies of people who had died of CJD and were infected by this route.

The Court of Appeal overturned a High Court ruling that parents of affected children could claim compensation only if their hormone treatment began after July 1, 1977. Lord Justice Kennedy, sitting with Lord Justice *Judge and Lord Justice Chadwick, said* the six families barred from compensation should be entitled to seek damages because their children's treatment had "straddled" the cut-off date.

Fibre to cure bowel cancer

UP TO 10,000 cases a year of bowel cancer could be prevented if people ate enough fibre for breakfast, according to *research published yesterday* (Ian Murray writes).

Scientists have discovered that a natural substance called butyrate, derived from the fibre, can block the cancer-causing gene which grows tumours in the large bowel and kills 18,000 people a year.

Scientists at Bristol University have grown tumours in a laboratory while treating patients with products of fibre fermentation. They found that butyrate induced the tumours to self-destruct. "Interestingly, although able to induce colorectal tumour cells to commit suicide in the laboratory, butyrate is thought to be beneficial to the normal large bowel," said Chris Paraskeva, one of the researchers.

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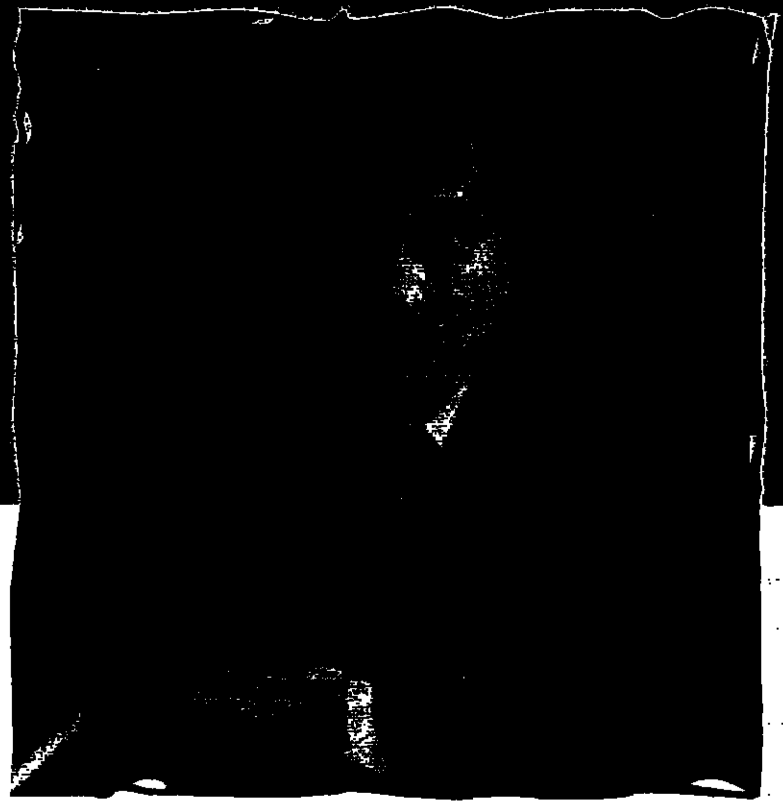

Robert Ayling
BA Chief Executive

creating the AYLING EXPRESS!

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. But the latest move by the 'world's favourite airline' reads like a photocopy of the easyJet business plan! Unfortunately there is no copyright on good ideas even if you have been led into believing that they were interested in buying a stake in easyJet. BA told us that they could not proceed because they would not get regulatory approval.

Why should they be allowed to proceed on their own without regulatory approval? They have now said the new subsidiary would be losing money until the third year, although they have refused to say how much. Therefore we have a dominant airline willing to lose unlimited sums of money competing with substantially smaller airlines that could be driven out of business in the process. It seems to us like a textbook case of abuse of dominant position under article 86 of the EC Treaty. We expect the European commission to investigate this new cheap trick by BA and stop it before it has achieved its desired effect. Look at their track record: Laker, British Caledonian, Danair, Virgin, who is next? They were all either bought or nearly or actually driven out of business.

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Anyway, they are still looking for a name so since they seem to like the easyJet ideas we suggest that they should call " her airline " the AYLING EXPRESS in honour of the tough talking CEO of BA.

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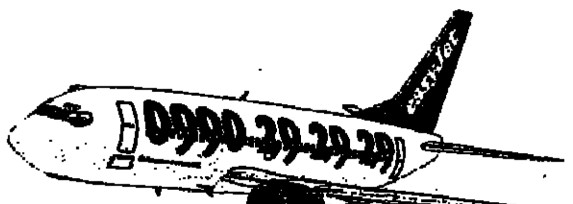

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Howard's tough line on crime backed by public

REPORTS BY MARK HENDERSON

THE public strongly supported the tough crime policies initiated by the last Home Secretary at the *same time* as developing profound suspi*cions about* the legal system, the latest *British Social Attitudes* report has found.

The 14th annual report, published today, found public sympathy for suspected criminals falling and support for greater police powers and stiffer sentencing rising sharply. Most Britons also said they could imagine circumstances in which people should break the law to follow their consciences.

The independent research group Social and Community Planning Research polled a random sample of 3,500 adults in England, Wales and Scotland for the survey in 1996. The conclusions suggest that the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, has little option other than to follow the tough line taken by his predecessor, Michael Howard, if he is to retain public support. More than 70 per cent of those polled believe people who break the law deserve stiffer sentences, and 86 per cent believe too many convicted criminals are let off lightly.

While more people still think it better *to let* a guilty man go free than to convict an *innocent one, the gap is* starting to narrow considerably. More than 25 per cent would now prefer to see an innocent person in prison than a criminal let off.

More than 33 per cent believe police should be allowed to detain a man with no criminal record if they have a tip he plans to commit a crime, with *66 per cent sup*porting arrest if the man has a criminal record.

These tough attitudes towards criminals are tempered by a growing tolerance for "*crimes of conscience*" and a creeping mistrust of the police *and the criminal justice* system. Fifty-five per cent think *there are occasions* when a person should follow their *conscience if it means* breaking the law, while 41 per cent *urge obedience in all* circumstances. The figures reverse those ten years ago.

The police are still thought to be doing a good job by 82 per cent, though that is down from a 1982 high of 92 per cent. Those saying the police do a very good job are down from 42 to 24 per cent.

The authors of the report's crime findings, Roger Tarling of the Unviversity of Surrey and Lizanne Dowds of Queen's University, Belfast, said the results stemmed from recorded crime figures which rose from 2.5 million to 5.6 million between 1979 and 1993. Ambivalence about the legal system and draconian attitudes *towards punishement* indicated "a frustrated reaction *against trends in crime*".

☐ The survey found that the "couch potato culture" of television addicts who know everything about soap operas and little or nothing about politics and current events is a myth. It noted that television actually enhances viewers' knowledge and understanding, contributing greatly to the political process.

☐ *British Social Attitudes: The End of Conservative Values? 14th Report* (Ashgate Publishing: £25)

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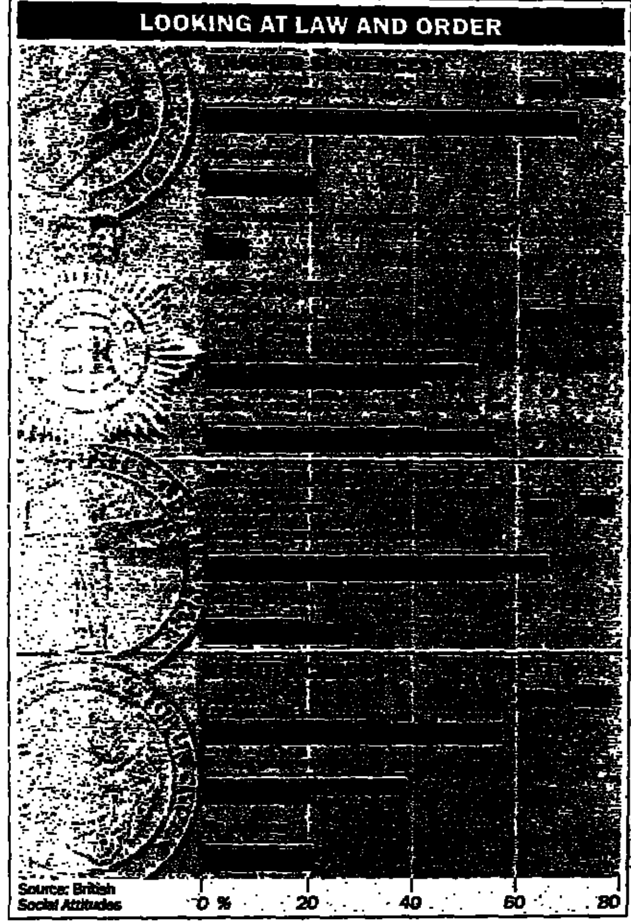

Source: British Social Attitudes

MARTIN BEDDALL

Michael Howard's attitude towards criminals finds broad support in the survey

Thatcher voters were big spenders at heart

THE Thatcher revolution won plenty of votes, but did little to capture the hearts and minds of the public.

The *British Social Attitudes* report found people's views *remarkably* resilient through the 1980s, despite the *then Prime Minister's wish* for Britons to embrace her *laisser faire philosophy.* The electorate was never fully won over to Tory policies on the labour market and housing, and remained attached to high public spending on health and education through 18 years of Tory rule. Under-35s, the so-called "Thatcher's Children", are now the age group least likely to vote Conservative, the report says.

Compiled on 1996 fieldwork, *it suggests that the* Tories lost power on May 1 because they had not converted Thatcher voters to Thatcherism; and it also holds a warning for Tony Blair. Alison Park, one of the editors, *said it made depressing* reading for both main parties. "It *really shows the extent to* which 18 years of Conservatism failed to change public attitudes despite an unprecedented opportunity," she said. "The message to Labour is that it is not easy to change the way people think and believe."

Under the Tories, the public consistently gave importance to public services such as health and education; dissatisfaction with the health service doubled from 25 per cent in 1983 to half those polled in 1996, with little approval for Tory market reforms.

Several central parts of the Thatcher programme failed to find real favour among the electorate. Moves towards a flexible labour market were linked to rising job insecurity, *and home ownership appear*ed a mixed blessing after the *high interest rates* and property slump of the early 1990s.

Only on crime did the Tories touch a nerve, with the hardline prison-centred policy of Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, reflecting public anxieties. But Mr Blair's approach, as Shadow Home Secretary, and that of his successor, Jack Straw — "tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime" — neutralised the electoral impact.

Trust confirmed as the central issue for voters

RIDDELL

ON POLITICS

Voters are a great deal *more level-headed than* politicians usually give them credit for. *Every year* since 1983, Social and Community Planning Research has produced *British Social Attitudes*, a survey of changing social and political values based on more than 3,500 interviews.

The public is detached from the political debate. The "Thatcher's children" generation, which came of age from the late 1970s, is not only less *inclined to identify with the* Tories than any older generation, but has *resisted most of* the main political and eco*nomic messages of the Conser*vative era. They *appear* more materialistic than previous generations, placing more emphasis on pay than on *other aspects of jobs.* However, the authors conclude that their "findings hardly provide any ringing endorsement of the *theory* that the Thatcherite values of the Eighties had any profound influence on the generation which formed its political and social values during the period".

An alternative view is that growing up during the 1980s disenchanted this generation and made them more negative about the Tory approach as well as politically apathetic. The Eighties' generation turns out to be less tolerant of income inequality and more suspicious of the motives of big business. Just 21 per cent of those under 30 have "a lot of interest" in politics, compared *with 37 per cent of those over* 50. Many of these apparent *differences may just reflect* people's ages and, as the Eighties' generation grows older, its degree of interest in politics may become more like that of previous generations.

The most distinctive feature of Thatcher's children is their anti-Establishment views on the monarchy, protests and freedom of expression. Younger people are much less likely than older generations to believe in the claims of the law over individual conscience. *More than two thirds of the* under-30s believe there are occasions when conscience should hold sway, "even if this means breaking the law", compared with two fifths of those over 50. The authors suggest that these attitudes may change less as people age.

The survey confirms earlier findings about a decline in public confidence in democracy. Fewer than one in four *people trust government to put* the interests of the nation *above party, although among* members of the sample re*interviewed after the election,* there was some recovery in *public confidence. This may* just be the *immedate re*sponse of Lab*our supporters* to their party's *victory and* may not last (indeed, it will *have been tested recently*).

The intriguing disclosure is that *the decline in trust in* government does not explain *the fall in turnout on May 1 to* the lowest level since the war. Turnout among those who trusted the Government least was virtually as high as among as those who trusted it most. More important is an across-the-board decline in public expectations of what government can or should do. For instance, just 26 per cent think government should provide jobs for everyone who wants one, down from 36 per cent in 1985.

Nonetheless, the public believes there is scope for improvement and strongly supports constitutional change, *particularly* of the House of Lords, Scottish devo*lution and freedom of* information.

The broad message *is* reassuring for the Government's step-by-step approach of deliberately lowering expectations. Voters are unimpressed by rhetoric but will respond to specific pledges being honoured. Tony Blair is right to want to protect his image of trustworthiness.

PETER RIDDELL

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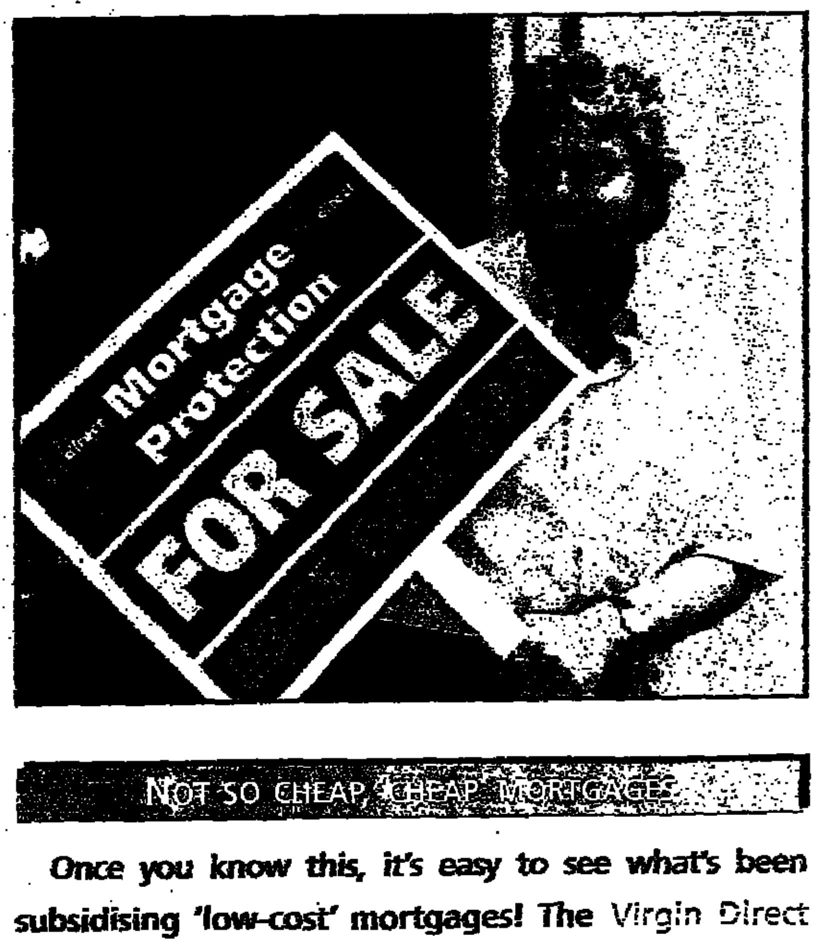

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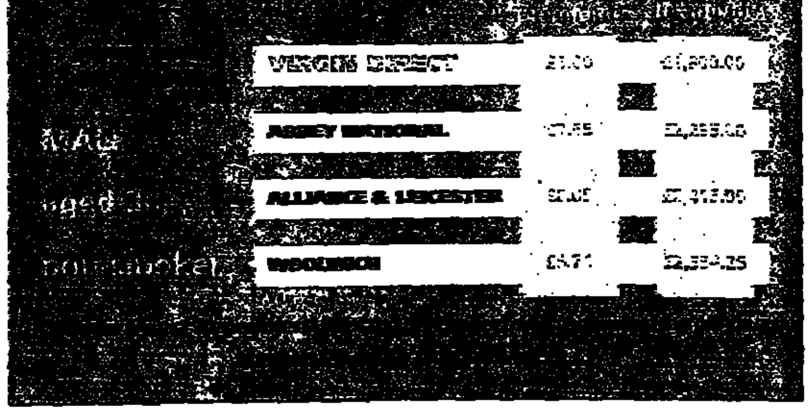
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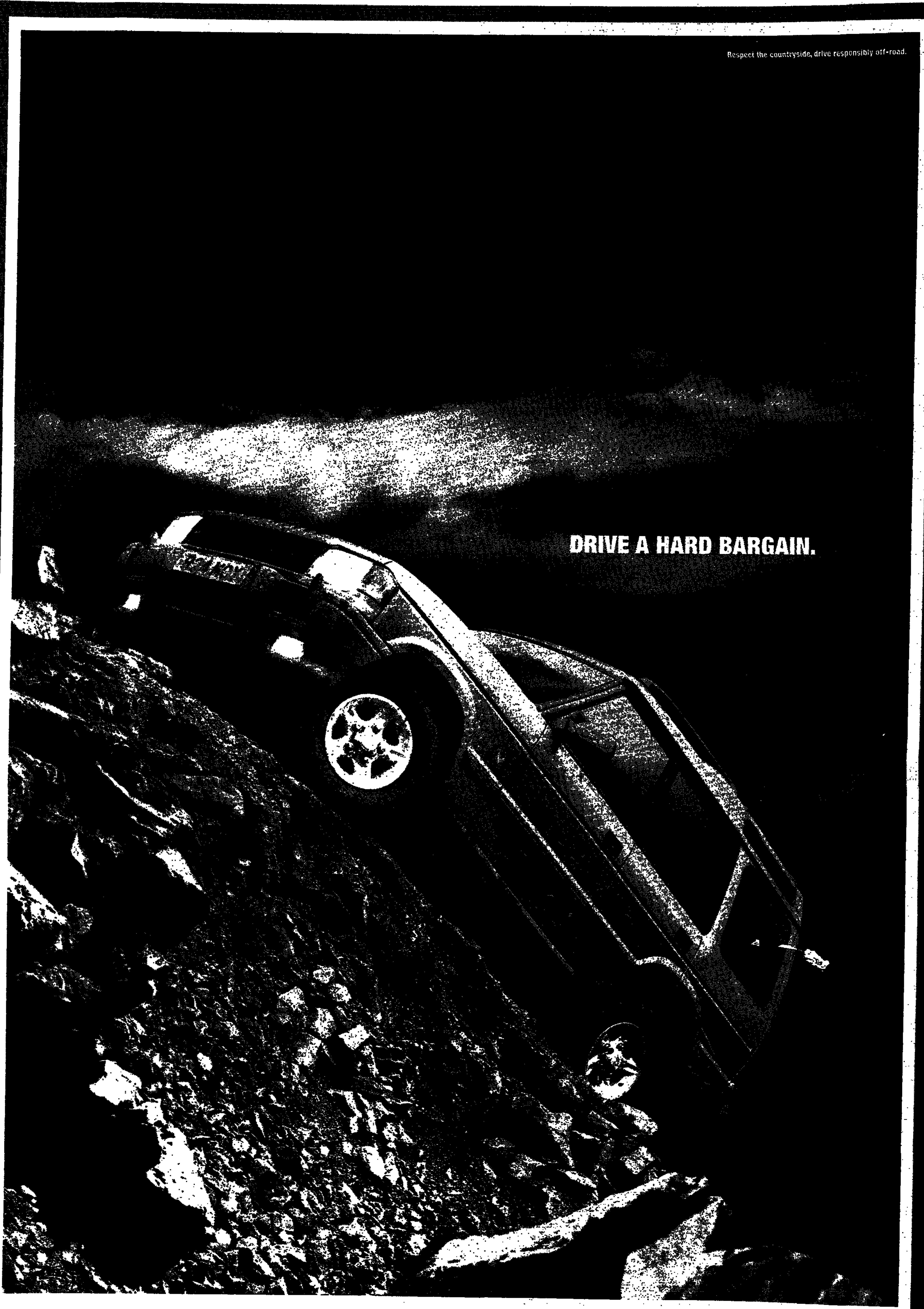

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Lawyer 'lied for her detective lover'

A Crown solicitor weeps as an Old Bailey jury is told she admitted 'a moment of madness'. **Tim Jones** reports

A SOLICITOR for the Crown Prosecution Service told "lie upon lie" to protect her policeman lover from a drink-driving charge, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Penelope Schofield, 35, sobbed as she listened to a statement in which she allegedly told police: "In a moment of madness, when I agreed to say that I had driven, I have lost everything — my career, my job with the CPS, and it is likely that I will be struck off by the Law Society."

Miss Schofield accompanied Detective Constable Nigel Phillips to a dinner-dance that he had helped to organise for Bitterne CID at the De Vere Harbour Hotel in Southampton last December. Nicholas Campbell, for the prosecution, said Miss Campbell took exception when she saw DC Phillips dancing with a policewoman. After a quarrel she left in a taxi.

DC Phillips, he said, had continued drinking and eventually drove his Rover four miles towards the home he shared with Miss Schofield. During the journey a tyre on his car was punctured and he drove into the car park of Bitterne police station.

Inside the station, the jury was told, his colleagues realised he was drunk. He telephoned Miss Schofield and, as he returned to the car, he was stopped, breathalysed and found to be almost three times over the legal alcohol limit.

He was arrested and taken to another police station, where he again telephoned Miss Schofield. Later that night, Mr Campbell said, Miss Schofield telephoned a police inspector to say that she had been driving when the puncture happened.

He said: "That was a lie, the first of many she was to tell over the course of the next two months." Another police inspector visited Miss Schofield in the early hours and, while he gave her a breath test, which proved negative, he saw on her kitchen table a law book open at a page on drink-driving.

Miss Schofield yesterday: denies perverting justice

She told the inspector that she had been driving when she and her boyfriend got into a serious argument, Mr Campbell said. Her alleged statement said: "I hit a kerb or something similar and stopped the car. I was distressed over the whole domestic situation. I left him with the car and took a taxi to my parents' home." Evidence had emerged from the hotel concierge that he had called a taxi for Miss Schofield after he had seen her arguing with DC Phillips.

The couple were arrested in February on suspicion of perverting the course of justice. Miss Schofield maintained she had been driving, Mr Campbell said. "She hoped to assist Nigel Phillips to secure a less severe sentence and perhaps save his career as a serving police officer." She claimed that she had ordered the taxi when she returned to the hotel to get her coat after leaving DC Phillips in the car.

Three days after her arrest, Mr Campbell said, she faxed another statement to the police in which she said DC Phillips had asked her to say she had been driving.

Her statement said: "Nigel was distressed and in tears because of the breathalyser reading. I was in tears and tired and confused, and in no position to think about the matter rationally. When I said I had been driving, that was untrue.

"I wanted desperately to tell the truth but I was in a difficult position. I didn't want to let Nigel down. I knew I was in trouble for lying in the first place.

"I am ashamed of what I have done and for the shame I have brought to my family. I did what I did as a girlfriend and not in my professional capacity. I worked hard to obtain these qualifications. My life revolved around the legal profession."

Mr Campbell told the jury: "Phillips had put her in a very difficult position and you will have every sympathy for her. But by telling lies she has committed a criminal offence."

Miss Schofield, of Hambledon, Hampshire, denies trying to pervert the course of justice. The trial continues.

'Bullying' police officer jailed for assault

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A POLICE officer who repeatedly kicked a student he arrested during a street disorder was jailed for six months by a judge who branded him a bully and a coward at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Judge Graham Boal told PC Paul Evans, 32: "You brought disgrace upon yourself and shame on your profession."

Evans, based at Stoke Newington in northeast London, was convicted of assaulting Ben Swarbrick during disturbances that followed a rock concert in May 1994; Mr Swarbrick was kicked 20 times by the officer. Another six policemen accused of various offences, including assault and perverting the course of justice, were acquitted.

Judge Boal said that the jury's verdicts in the case reflected a very different situation from that alleged by the Crown. The prosecution had claimed that police behaved with "appalling brutality", but the jury had convicted only one officer of a single assault charge and affray.

During the eight-week trial, the jury could not be told that Evans had been charged by Scotland Yard with breaches of discipline over allegations that he assaulted a woman who had called the police for help in a domestic dispute. Civil rights lawyers said he had been the centre of complaints concerning abuse or assault.

During the trial Evans assured the jury he was a "tolerant, liberal-minded person" and said: "I have never offered gratuitous violence to anybody." However, in 1992 a magistrate at Highbury lambasted him for dragging a black woman driver along the ground by the scruff of her neck.

In July 1993, Evans arrested and allegedly assaulted a suspect in East London. Legal sources said Scotland Yard settled out of court. There are two other cases still outstanding that involve similar allegations.

Boy Scouts in 1908. In the Great War, their exuberance was better suited to outdoor work than clerical duties

Boy Scouts were too naughty for wartime MI5

By Michael Evans

BOY SCOUTS were employed as messengers by MI5 in the First World War, but the boys proved too mischievous and were asked to leave, previously classified files have disclosed.

Their role was detailed in a report by H Branch of the Secret Service Bureau, the wartime forerunner of MI5, now released at the Public Record Office in Kew. H Branch consisted of the secretariat and administrative section, including the Registry of Secret Files.

After Captain Vernon Kell, head of the bureau, turned to the Boy Scouts for volunteers, the first Scouts arrived on October 29, 1914. By September 4, 1915, their behaviour was thought to be unacceptable. The H Branch report, compiled after the war, says: "Boys were found to be troublesome. The considerable periods of inactivity which fell to their share usually resulted in their getting into mischief."

When the Admiralty began to employ boys as "coast watchers", the Boy Scouts at MI5 were advised to take up this work, "outdoor work being much more fitted to their energy". Arrangements were made to replace the Boy Scout messengers with Girl Guides, "and the results were most satisfactory". The H Branch report says: "The girls proved more amenable and their methods of getting into mischief were on the whole less distressing to those who had to deal with them than were those of the boys."

Initially, 11 Girl Guides were employed; the number rose to 34 by August 1916. They were put on their honour not to read the papers they carried. The girls worked from 9am to 7pm and were given half a day off every week and every second Sunday.

Apart from the Guides, 650 women were employed at various times by the service in the registry and as secretaries. Many were "lookers up", responsible for checking on suspected aliens.

There were "snags" when over-eager citizens let the authorities know of alleged German spies in their midst. The H Branch report says: "In the early days of the war, when to the bucolic mind any person who spoke with a foreign (and often even a Scots) accent was a 'German spy', much curious information arrived in MI5."

Mistakes were caused by the phonetic pronunciation of the suspects' names. One alarmed labourer informed MI5 "of the presence in his peaceful village of a spy boasting the astonishing name of Toe Knee Oh! This suspect turned out to be a harmless Italian chef whose Christian name was Antonio," the MI5 file discloses.

One "looker up" was asked to check the registry files to shed light on a message received which read: "Ayoub Duzes, now in Switzerland". The MI5 woman "naturally concluded that some Indian seditionist was meant and spent fruitless hours in endeavouring to trace him". She later discovered that the inquiry was for papers about fuses made in Switzerland.

In a report entitled "Woman's Work", it is disclosed that H Branch made every effort to obtain "ladies of good education and preferably those who had been to one of the large public schools or colleges". There was such a demand for more women to work in the registry that Cheltenham Ladies' College, Royal Holloway College and St Hugh's and Somerville, at Oxford, were asked to recommend former students.

As MI5 expanded, it moved premises, eventually to offices in the Haymarket. The women clerical staff proved so dedicated that they had to be "turned out almost nightly at midnight". When the bombs started to fall — the first Zeppelin attack was in the autumn of 1915 — the women refused to budge from their desks.

Life ban on mother guilty of terrorising ex-lover

By Frances Gibb

AN OBSESSED woman who burst into her ex-lover's home wielding two carving knives has been banned from contacting him again in the first case of its kind. Margaret Tucker is believed to be the first woman in Britain to be prosecuted under new harassment legislation introduced this year.

A court was told that Tucker, 48, a mother of two, bombarded Terry Murphy, a taxi driver, with up to four abusive letters a day after he ended their relationship. She persuaded her local housing association to move her from her home five miles away to one just two doors down from Mr Murphy. Finally, she broke into his flat wearing plastic gloves and carrying a carving knife in each hand.

Mr Murphy, 58, managed to flee after protecting himself with cushions. Tucker later told police: "I was going to kill him."

Passing sentence at Portsmouth Crown Court, the Recorder, Robert Harman, QC, banned Tucker, of Gosport, Hampshire, from seeing Mr Murphy for life. The order under the Protection from Harrrassment Act does not cover accidental meetings.

Tucker admitted pursuing a course of conduct which caused Mr Murphy to fear violence. The judge placed her on probation for two years. He warned her that, if she broke the restraining order, she could face jail.

After the hearing, Mr Murphy said he intended to move from his flat to get away from her. "After what she has put me through over the past 12 months, all I care about is that she leaves me alone."

Tucker had met Mr Murphy through using his taxi, and a sexual relationship had developed between them. He said he went out with her three or four times and she then became obsessive and wanted them to move in together. When he ended the relationship, she became very aggressive, went to his house and was abusive and threatening.

Channel 4 will stir up storm over Christmas

By Carol Midgley, Media Correspondent

CHANNEL 4 is to rescreen some of its most controversial scenes in a programme to celebrate its 15th anniversary. The lesbian kiss in the soap *Brookside* and an *Equinox* documentary on depraved sexual practices will be revived for the Christmas schedule.

Michael Jackson, the new chief executive of Channel 4, also said the whole of Chris Morris's much criticised *Brass Eye* series would be repeated in the new year. Morris "set up" MPs and celebrities to appear in a spoof current affairs programme. Channel 4's former chief executive, Michael Grade, vowed never to work with Morris again after an obscene insult about him appeared in a subliminal message in the final programme of the series.

The *Storm Over 4* programme will include a programme about necrophilia, other *Brookside* storylines such as the incestuous relationship between a brother and sister, and sex theme nights from *The Red Light Zone*. Bernardo Bertolucci's *Last Tango In Paris* and Derek Jarman's *Jubilee*, both premiered on Channel 4, will also be shown again.

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "Often a 'storm over' headline came about when a reporter got overexcited about a programme he had not seen, phoned an MP who had definitely not seen it, and then wrote a story which usually began 'MPs tonight called for a ban on the Channel 4 programme which . . .'" Mary Whitehouse and other critics of the channel will be quoted in the documentary.

Mr Jackson has continued Channel 4's tradition of generating controversy by backing the screening of Ken Loach's film *Ladybird, Ladybird*, which was censured by the the Broadcasting Standards Commission earlier this year. He denied that there had been a ban on Morris. "We hope to work with Chris Morris again," he said. "I think that was a personal reaction from Michael [Grade]."

Jackson: wanted to mark channel's anniversary

Mr Jackson, who is known to have scrapped the late-night *Girlie Show* when he arrived at Channel 4, was asked if he thought it was the worst programme the channel had ever shown. He said: "I plead the fifth amendment on that one."

Viewers will have a chance to pick controversial programmes when they vote, by post, phone or on the Internet, for their favourite Channel 4 programmes for Saturday December 27.

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Ministers confident over legal aid reform

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

MINISTERS are to publish details in the New Year of plans for scrapping civil legal aid and expanding "no win, no fee" work to most civil cases, including libel.

For the first time, officials have confirmed that defamation actions may be included in the "no win, no fee" arrangements. At present there is no legal aid for defamation cases. "No reasons have yet been put forward as why defamation actions should not be included," one official said yesterday.

Ministers have taken counsel's opinion and are confident of surviving any challenge in the courts to the reforms that amount to a dismantling of the civil legal aid scheme. They argue that they do not need primary legislation for the reforms, which are planned to take effect in the spring.

Undeterred by mounting opposition from the legal profession and the consumer lobby, they plan to issue a consultation paper in January or February that will carry first details of the plans. They are also commissioning a business plan from management consultants on the impact of the measures on law firms.

The consultation paper is expected to retain legal aid, or some kind of hardship fund, for certain areas of work, such as civil actions by landlords to evict tenants; and possibly for most people who now qualify for legal aid when they are forced to defend a legal action.

On Friday the Government will deliver a strong message in a debate in the Commons that lawyers' opposition to the reforms stems from their fear of losing a form of subsidy, provided through legal aid by the taxpayer. A senior official said: "I don't think any profession would be comfortable with having a subsidy taken away from it." Solicitors had been able to run cases "win or lose", he said. "Who would not fight for that?" But that amounted to a subsidy and was "extremely unattractive."

Ministers and officials reject claims by the Law Society, the Bar and consumer groups that the changes will hit the poor and that the insurance market is not ready to provide affordable premiums that people will need to protect themselves against paying a winning opponent's costs. Officials are in talks with several insurance companies and say the market is alive to the prospects of their role under "no win, no fee" work.

They insist that unless the Government shows that it is determined, the insurance market will not come forward to step into the gap. "Nothing less than radical change and being resolute and firm will ensure this happens," one said. "Ministers can't sit down and redesign the market, they can make the changes which anticipate the policy and will lead to that."

Ministers will make it clear that until they can control the legal aid budget, they cannot free funds for a community legal service or for areas such as industrial tribunals.

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Compulsory fund could finance care in old age

By Jill Sherman and Anne Ashworth

FRANK FIELD disclosed yesterday that the Government is considering introducing a compulsory insurance scheme to finance long-term care for the elderly.

The Welfare Minister, speaking in Berlin, suggested that people should have to pay regular contributions to insure themselves against the cost of care in their old age.

Mr Field, who is preparing a separate Green Paper on welfare reforms for the new year, said that he was particularly interested in the German system of compulsory insurance, which covers a range of care, at home and later in nursing accommodation.

This month the Government will announce the terms of reference and the chairman of its royal commission on long-term care, which is expected to report within a year. The commission was set up after growing concern about the number of people having to sell their homes to pay for nursing accommodation.

Mr Field emphasised that the German scheme could not necessarily be adopted in Britain but he urged members of the royal commission to examine this model. Under the German system, people have to pay 1.5 per cent of their salary into the insurance fund.

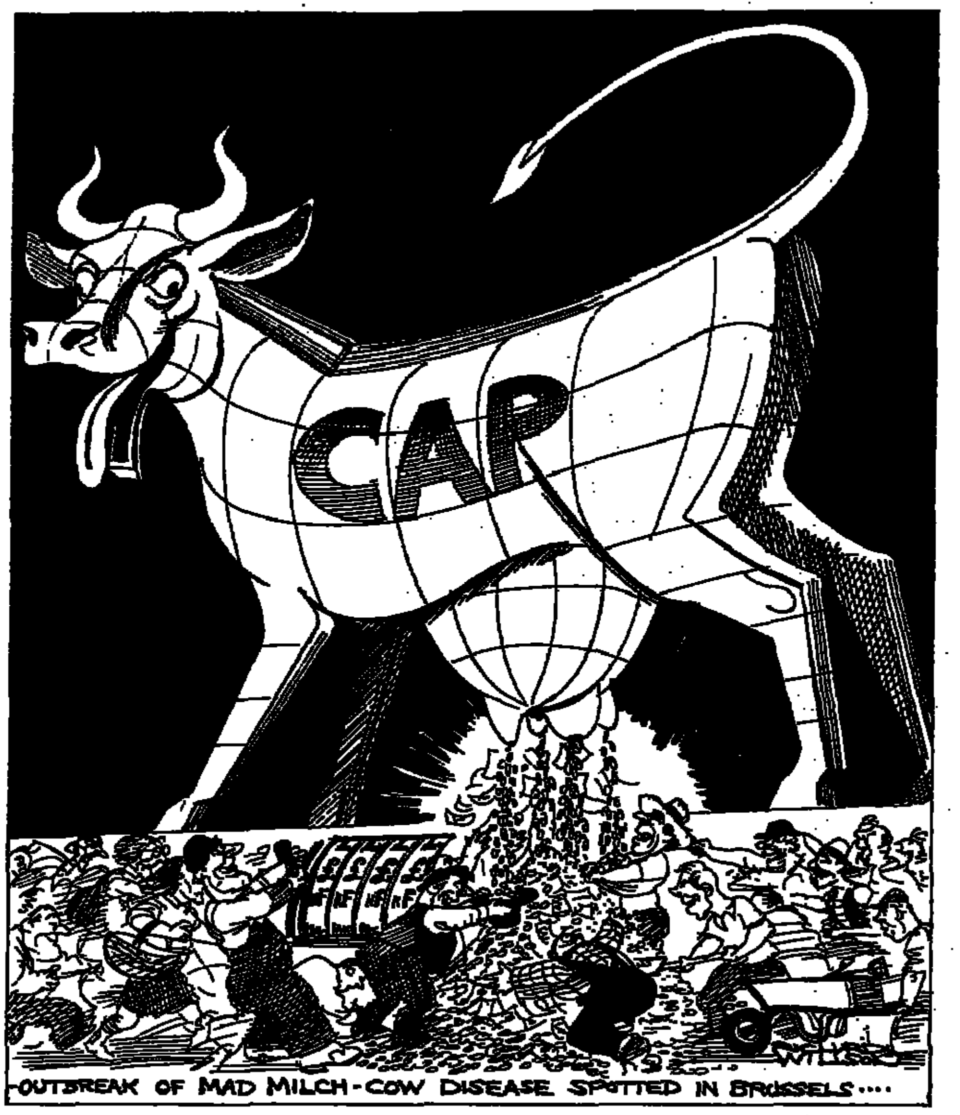
Half of this is met by the employer and half by the employee. Those earning more than £2,000 a month can choose to opt out, but they would then have to pay for their care privately.

Contributors pay into 1,300 different health insurance funds. Once they apply for cover, the fund assesses them and places them into one of three categories of need.

Those only needing minimum care would be able to opt for cash payment or services, such as home help. Those in higher categories would be given nursing accommodation. Mr Field told the Centre for British studies that the scheme, which started in 1996, had been much more successful in Germany than predicted. Funds were in surplus, despite a high take-up and this would cushion future increases in demand, he argued.

"Such a scheme has obvious attractions. Like medical insurance, coverage would be almost universal. As a pay-as-you-go scheme, it could be introduced without too much delay. More importantly perhaps. The scheme created a link between insurance and benefits and removed the stigma of residential care being tied to social assistance."

Mr Field said he hoped that his forthcoming Green Paper would be a turning point in the restructuring of the £100 billion social security budget. However, he signalled that the paper would set out reforms that could take several Parliaments to achieve.



OUTBREAK OF MAD MILCH-COW DISEASE SPOTTED IN BRUSSELS....

Farmers given billions in EU 'compensation'

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

THE European Union paid farmers several billion pounds in unjustified compensation for crops and animals, including payment for some cattle slaughtered in Britain's anti-BSE programme, the EU's financial watchdog reported yesterday.

The Court of Auditors singled out the common agriculture policy (CAP), which consumes almost half the EU's £53 billion annual expenditure, as a main source of fraud and waste in its annual review of the union's administration. Reporting to the European Parliament, Bernhard Friedmann, the president of the Luxembourg court, said lax management and swindling in EU spending cost up to an estimated £2.8 billion, or 5.4 per cent of payments from nationally and centrally administered funds.

The auditors noted a slight drop in mishandled funds, which totalled 5.7 percent of spending last year, and they offered mild praise to Jacques Santer, the Commission president, for his efforts to tighten controls. However, for the third year the auditors said the irregularities meant they could not approve the spending accounts.

Cereal farmers were the biggest beneficiaries of anomalies in the CAP. In 1995 and 1996, they were awarded some £2 billion, based on acreage, to "compensate" them for crops that were sold at market rates far higher than the EU's guaranteed price. "The basic compensatory amounts for cereals is out of touch with world market prices," the auditors said.

Beef and veal producers received over half a billion pounds in unnecessary payments, they said. In a survey of the biggest farms, one British enterprise was found to have benefitted from £1.76 million of subsidy, second only to a German one that received £2.23 million. The Commission defended itself yesterday, saying, that it had long sought to reduce the subsidies to reflect market prices, but had been overruled by national farm ministers.

The costly emergency measures to compensate beef producers after the mad cow crisis had been subject to confusion and exploitation, the report showed. Under the scheme to slaughter cattle over 30 months old, British farmers were supposed to receive EU compensation at a rate of £262 per animal incinerated. The Commission agreed to pay 80 per cent of a claim for 429,000 animals but overloaded facilities meant that only a fraction had been incinerated by the end of the year. Under another scheme for the slaughter of younger animals, Britain had also been wrongly compensated for 1,695 cattle that were over 30 months old.

In an investigation of abuses in personal compensation, the auditors reported evidence of fraud by members of two Brussels-based "superquangos", the Economic and Social Committee (ESC) and the Committee of the Regions. A spot check on travel expenses at the ESC, an advisory body with 222 members, showed that 60 per cent of claims for air and train tickets in a two-month period were irregular. In a technique that is also alleged to be rife in the European Parliament, members would charge for expensive tickets then obtain refunds. The auditors' findings produced an outcry when they were first reported in September. The committee has now introduced more stringent rules.

How unsafe meat was subsidised

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

BRITISH farmers have been paid EU subsidies to market cattle above the age considered safe for human consumption under rules to protect the public against BSE, according to the Court of Auditors.

This was possible, the court says, because the Government allows veterinary inspectors to assess age by checking an animal's teeth. The 1,695 illegal cattle, for which there was documentary proof that they were over 30 months old, were sold under a "beef marketing payment scheme" for which Britain was allocated £25 million by the EU. Cattle above this age are regarded as being at greater risk of BSE.

The audit report also questions another scheme that pays abattoirs between £80 and £100 per animal to slaughter and destroy newborn calves for which there is no longer any market because of the EU ban on British beef. It says a visit to one British abattoir found no adequate controls to ensure that carcasses were destroyed after slaughter.

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What a giggle as peers turn to the business of Mimi and Fifi

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

IN THE Lords yesterday attention turned to the rude cards by which prostitutes advertise in London phone boxes. Their Lordships proved quite knowledgeable on the subject. The Baroness Trumpington heaved so massively with laughter as to arouse fears for the structure of this 19th-century building.

But the question had to await the investiture of new life peers, accompanied by the usual procession of beribboned flunkeys dressed in carpets and people wearing Cornish pasties on their heads, prancing around according to what we call "tradition" in this gilt, paste and plasterboard apology for a senate. The fake antiquity dates from 1958, when life peers were invented.

I looked down at their assembled Lordships. I have never — no, not even in a provincial American television studio — seen so much hair dye. Black Rod, who may not be wearing a toupée, strutted about in a frock coat and black leather gloves like a poncified cat-burglar.

Lingering doubts fled. It is definitely not cool in 1997 to be a Lord.

We moved to tarts. Not that the Earl of Bradford, whose Question on "unauthorised advertising in London phone boxes" trod delicately, mentioned these women.

For the Government, Lord Haskel, who looks like a high-class haberdasher, did. Advertising cards placed by prostitutes, he said (*cries of "aah!*) were "deterring people from using phone boxes" (*cries of "oh!*). BT was barring calls to these numbers.

Why did Lord Bradford then affect such gratitude that someone else had dared say "prostitute"? This is not, after all, a shy peer. *Who's Who* suggests that his Lordship, who has a beard and lives in Weston-under-Lizard, has published a book called *My Private Parts and the Stuffed Parrot*. Even the steamiest of the cards that peers were complaining about yesterday draw the line at that sort of thing.

The minister went on to explain that legal action to ban these cards had been blocked by lawyers acting for the London Collective of Call Girls. At this point Lady Trumpington began shaking in a helpless fit of giggles. We imagined the card which this former Tory whip might (heaven forbid) place in a BT kiosk . . .

"Substantial Lady offers discipline for the mature gentleman. 'Naughty boys must pull their socks up.' Phone Trumpers on Westminster too-too-too — Oh!Oh!Oh!"

Lord Annan rose. "In recent years," he said, a "disastrous" legal judgment had deemed the *Ladies' Directory* (a discreet catalogue of prostitutes' services) a "conspiracy against public morals". But surely there had to be ways these women could advertise?

Indeed. One merely notes that this case (*Shaw vs the DPP*) was decided in 1961. Only in the Lords is 36 years ago "recent".

Lord Campbell of Alloway wondered "what on earth was the use" of blocking telephones "when the girls can get another — perhaps using the name Mimi instead of Fifi". This revealed as much about Lord Campbell's interior life as about telecommunications.

Lord Palmer — to cries of Oh! — thought the call-cards were good for the tourist trade. This Lord Palmer is the Palmer of Huntley & Palmer's biscuits. He may not know that, according to a new book about the work of the Wolfenden Committee (which in the 1950s examined the law on homosexuality and prostitution) members shrank in their private deliberations from using the h- or p- words. They bantered instead about "huntleys" and "palmers". Lord Palmer may not care to be linked with palmers — but at least nobody has ever called him a huntley.

Widdecombe quits committee over Hamilton affair

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

THE Tory MP Ann Widdecombe resigned from the Standards and Privileges Committee yesterday in protest at its handling of the Neil Hamilton affair.

The former Prisons Minister said that the committee's failure to agree whether Mr Hamilton had taken "cash for questions" while he was Tory MP for Tatton was a denial of natural justice and its procedures were a shambles. She added that Parliament's system of self-regulation was "terminally ill".

Miss Widdecombe, the MP for Maidstone and the Weald, stood down after being denied a chance to speak in Monday night's Commons debate on the committee's report. She said that Robert Sheldon, the committee's chairman, had grossly misrepresented her position when he spoke in the debate.

Quentin Davies, the Tory MP for Grantham and Stamford, who was the only other dissenting voice on the committee, was also not called by the Speaker.

In her resignation letter, which she handed to Mr Sheldon in person, Miss Widdecombe said: "I believe relations and trust to have broken down to such an extent that I would not be able to serve the committee in the spirit of unity which is essential to preserving its reputation.

"An even more considerable reason for my resignation is that I believe self-regulation is now terminally ill and I have little faith in the ability of this committee to resuscitate it.

"I genuinely regarded it as an honour to be appointed to the committee which I expected to be a senior and serious body. I now regard the shambles which has characterised the handling of this report to be deeply shameful to the committee and something which I no longer wish to be associated."

Miss Widdecombe and Mr Davies both disowned the conclusion of Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner, that there was "compelling" evidence that Mr Hamilton had taken envelopes of cash from Mohamed Al Fayed.

Mr Davies said: "I am totally with Ann Widdecombe. It is a shambles but it is for that reason I have decided I ought to stay."

Neither of the two Tory MPs was able to say whether they thought Mr Hamilton had taken cash for questions. They had no means of knowing because they were refused permission to reopen the case by cross-examining Mr Hamilton, Mr Al Fayed, or the employees he claimed filled the envelopes with £50 notes.

Sir Gordon had told the committee that his position would have been made difficult if they reopened the inquiry.

The independent MP Martin Bell, who despite having ousted Mr Hamilton from his Tatton seat has agreed to to take up the cudgels on his behalf, said that Mr Al Fayed should have been called before the committee.

"If the chief accused was going to give evidence, then so surely should the chief accuser, Mr Mohamed Al Fayed, and they should both have been cross-examined." If procedures could not be put in order, then some body outside Parliament would have to examine such cases, he told BBC Radio 4's *World at One*.

Mr Sheldon told the same radio programme that the committee would be examining its procedures, and added: "Of course there is room for improvement, there always is." He said it had been right not to reopen the inquiry because Mr Hamilton had failed to bring forward any new evidence.

NEIL MUNNS

John Major during a campaign visit to Beckenham. One woman told him that his problem was being "too nice"

Major is swamped by affection

By Nicholas Watt and Polly Newton

JOHN MAJOR received a rapturous reception yesterday when he returned to the campaign trail to support the Tory candidates in tomorrow's by-elections in Beckenham and Winchester.

Months after being turfed out of Downing Street, a beaming Mr Major was thronged by enthusiastic pensioners and young supporters. "When are you coming back?" one white-haired pensioner shouted out to the former Prime Minister as he braved the rain in Beckenham. He grinned at his fan as she added: "You were too nice. That was your problem."

The Majors who lived in Beckenham in the early 1970s, took nearly an hour to walk 100 yards along High Street as hundreds of supporters turned out in the solid Tory seat. Scores of shoppers asked him to autograph cards, shop assistants poured out to greet him and office workers waved from upstairs windows.

Throughout his walkabout Mr Major sang the praises of Jacqui Lait, the Tory candidate, who won the chance of resuming her parliamentary career when Piers Merchant resigned his seat last month after admitting an extra-marital affair. Mr Merchant held Beckenham with a majority of nearly 5,000 on May 1 despite a 15 per cent swing to Labour.

Mr Major relished his return to the stump, but memories of his devastating defeat on May 1 were still raw. As he campaigned later in the day in Winchester he admitted that the Tories had lost the general election partly because they were seen as "harsh and uncaring". He did not believe that the party was guilty of those faults, but added: "The perception was there and of course the perception was damaging."

Mr Major said that he had come to Winchester to support his "very old friend". Gerry Malone, who lost his seat on May 1 to the Liberal Democrats by two votes. The by-election was called after the High Court ruled that Mark Oaten, the Liberal Democrat, should not have been declared the winner because of ballot paper irregularities.

Dobson makes his position clear

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

FRANK DOBSON acted swiftly to prevent further embarrassment for the Government over tobacco advertising yesterday after repeatedly refusing to back the special treatment awarded to Formula One.

During an early-morning radio interview, the Health Secretary failed three times to declare his support for motor racing's exemption from the sponsorship ban. For days he had been silent on the issue, and it has been an open secret in Whitehall that the Health Department was far less keen on the exemption that Downing Street.

The Tories said that he had avoided the question, giving the impression that the policy had been imposed on him.

But within two hours Mr Dobson was back in line. When asked at a press conference on NHS waiting lists whether he supported the Formula One policy, he said: "Of course I do. I played a part in deciding what the policy was."

Health and Downing Street officials denied that Mr Dobson had been forced into line or that he had breached Cabinet collective responsibility. It is understood that after the interview with Sue MacGregor on BBC Radio 4 *Today* programme had ended Mr Dobson knew that he would have to act.

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Primakov reports progress on Iraq impasse

From Robin Lodge in Moscow and
Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

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RAF Tornado fighters land at the Incirlik joint Turkish-United States airbase in southern Turkey yesterday after a mission to monitor the no-fly zone in northern Iraq

YEVGENI PRIMAKOV, the Russian Foreign Minister, announced last night that he had reached a breakthrough in talks with a senior Iraqi official on resolving the confrontation between Baghdad and the United Nations, providing for a diplomatic solution to the crisis without the need to resort to force.

Mr Primakov was speaking after talks in Moscow with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, who arrived unannounced yesterday morning. His trip to Moscow came after a weekend pledge by President Yeltsin to intervene to end the crisis.

Mr Primakov said that the plan was based on proposals sent by Mr Yeltsin to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq "some days ago". Mr Aziz, who also had talks yesterday with Mr Yeltsin, had brought Saddam's reply. Mr Primakov said that Mr Yeltsin's letter had offered a detailed plan to break the present deadlock, but he did not give details.

"The programme provides for avoiding armed conflict and resolving the crisis by Iraq's implementation of the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council," Mr Primakov said. He did not say what was being offered to Iraq in exchange.

In reference to an earlier indication by America of a willingness to negotiate an end to the crisis, Iraq claimed yesterday that it had scored a "resounding political and diplomatic triumph". The state-run newspaper *al-Jumhuriya* credited Saddam, a "thinker and strategist", with inflicting a "crushing defeat on America and Britain".

The front-page editorial stated: "If America attacks Iraq, it will face severe condemnation from various countries. If it retreats and brokers an agreement through the United Nations or directly with Iraq, this means victory of peace and dialogue."

> ‘It will now be very difficult for the US to go back to the status quo’

Diplomats agreed that Saddam had forced his enemies into their first concession since the Gulf War, but said talk of an Iraqi victory could well be premature given the continuing American military build-up in the Gulf. "The fact that [Britain and the US] declared publicly they are willing to modify the sanctions regime is very significant. Saddam has broken the dam," a diplomat representing a moderate Arab country said . "It will now be very difficult for the United States to go back to the status quo that existed before October 29 [when Iraq announced it would expel US weapons inspectors]." He added: "There will now have to be some very delicate diplomatic footwork whereby Saddam can be rewarded but without letting the Americans lose face."

A State Department official in Washington said that he was aware of Mr Primakov's announcement, but declined to comment without seeing the plan in full.

Moscow has maintained good relations with Iraq since Soviet times and has long called for the lifting of international sanctions imposed on Baghdad after its invasion of Kuwait in 1990. If any breakthrough were achieved as a result of Russia's intervention, it would greatly increase Moscow's standing in the Middle East, where Russia has been largely sidelined since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Last weekend Mr Yeltsin spoke to President Clinton on the telephone and agreed to use Moscow's special relationship with Iraq to resolve the confrontation. Russia has already said that Iraq must allow the inspectors back, but is adamantly opposed to proposals by the United States and Britain to use force.

Mr Primakov emphasised yesterday the importance of allowing the UN Special Commission on dismantling weapons of mass destruction to continue its work in Iraq.

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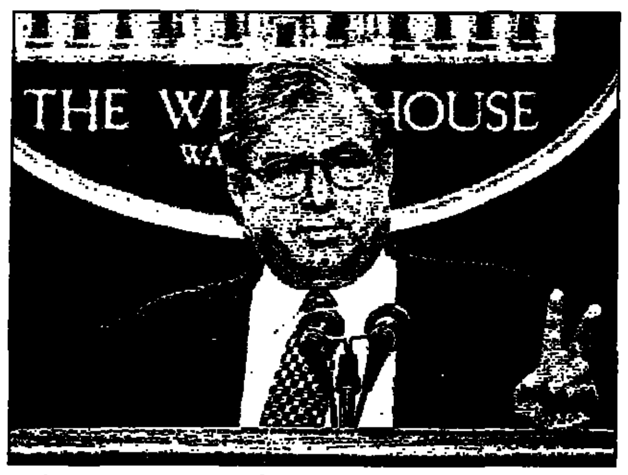
US sends more planes in case diplomacy fails



Berger announces plans in Washington yesterday to send aircraft reinforcements to the Gulf region

From Tom Rhodes
in Washington

AMERICA yesterday announced plans to bolster its air power in the Gulf because of the uncertain stalemate with Iraq over United Nations weapons inspections.

After a meeting between President Clinton and his top foreign policy aides Samuel Berger, the National Security Adviser, announced United States plans to reinforce more than 200 warplanes that are already in the region.

The decision, thought to include the deployment of B52 cruise missile-carrying bombers and F117A Stealth bombers, came shortly after an American pilot completed the second uninterrupted flight by a U2 surveillance aircraft since President Saddam Hussein threatened to shoot down UN spy planes flying over Iraq.

The United States had warned Iraq of serious consequences, hinting at severe military retaliation, if it fired on the U2.

The Pentagon was expected to announce the number of new warplanes involved last night and state whether they would, as in the past, be stationed at Diego Garcia, a British dependent territory in the Indian Ocean. Mr Berger said that the five permanent members of the UN Security Council — America, Britain, Russia, France and China — were trying to arrange a meeting in Europe to discuss the crisis. But it is unlikely to take place today.

Washington viewed the meeting as an opportunity to hear full details of the Russian plan to resolve the crisis and to seek complete solidarity from Russia and France on the need for Baghdad to allow the weapons inspectors back into Iraq with no caveats from Saddam.

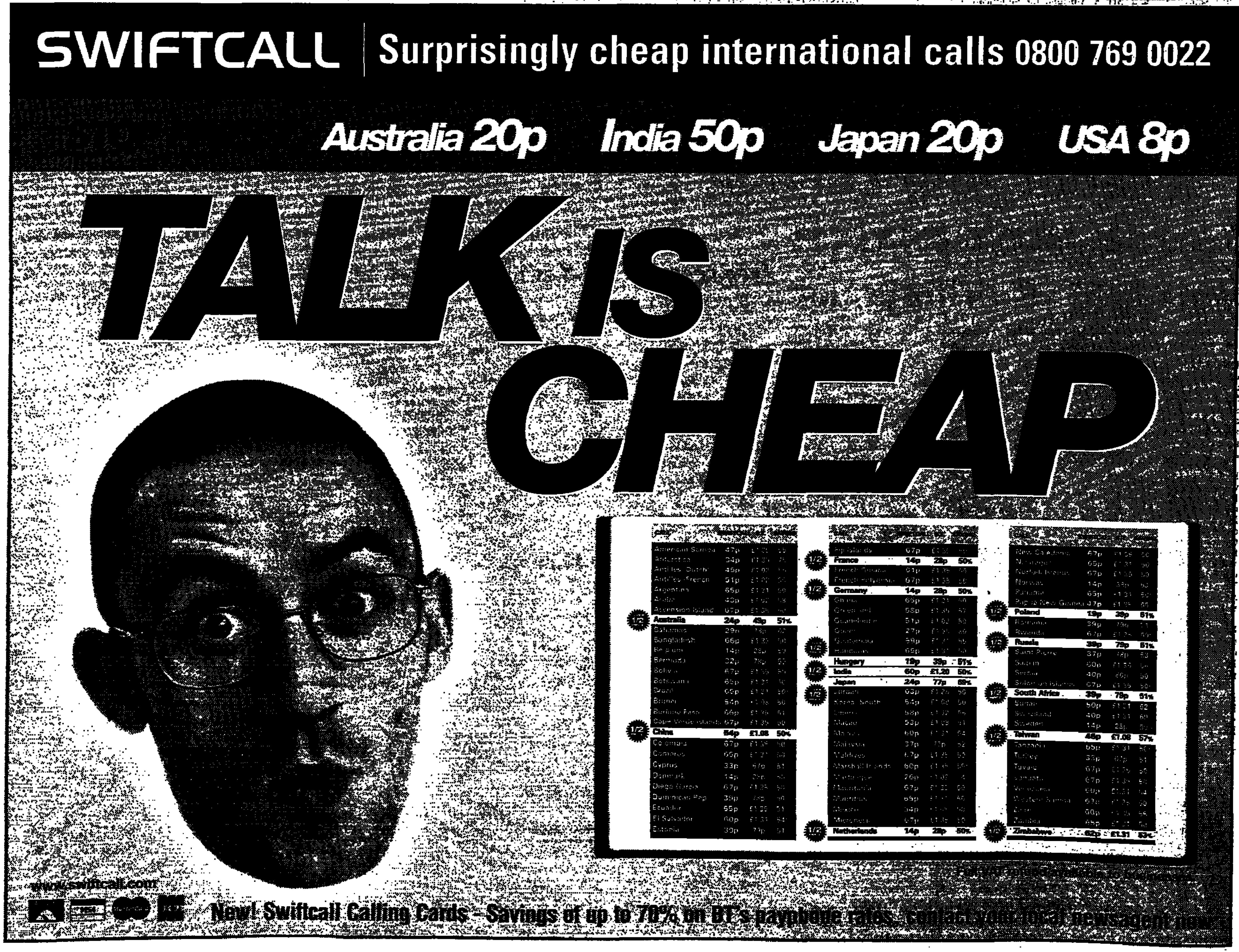
British and American officials maintained yesterday that diplomacy remained the the best route to achieve positive results with Saddam but said they were pursuing a double-pronged strategy of increasing military pressure on Iraq while negotiations continued.

Still unable to mount a credible coalition for any military action against Iraq, diplomats from London and Washington are working hard to maintain support from the Arab states in the event that, despite apparent successes yesterday, such a course should become necessary.

Mr Berger said the Administration was interested in improving the existing UN arrangement that allows Iraq to sell limited amounts of oil providing the revenue is used to buy food and medicine.

But he firmly denied that it would be used as an inducement for Iraq to allow the inspectors back — a view that Baghdad had claimed as a sign of victory over the West.

"Once this crisis is resolved, if it is resolved satisfactorily, and Saddam comes into compliance we would be in favour of having more oil available, under UN supervision, for food to avoid any suffering to the Iraqi people," Mr Berger said.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Robber leaves southern Africa in the dark

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

A POWER failure that plunged *Zimbabwe and* Zambia into darkness for nearly 12 hours last week and reverberated throughout southern Africa at a cost of *millions* of pounds was started by a Zambian helping himself to a steel girder he intended to saw into bracelets.

The girder was *a main* strut on a 90ft tower south of the Kafue Gorge power station in southern Zambia, holding up part of the 330 KV powerline that connects Zambia with the Southern African electricity grid, which links six countries.

At 3pm on Friday the thief removed the girder. The tower collapsed, bringing with it two adjacent pylons, and broke the circuit, Sam Mahlanza, spokesman for the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority, said.

It started a series of massive oscillations across the region. The sudden vacuum in the system caused the 960 MW Hwange thermal *power station* 200 miles away in northwest Zimbabwe to trip.

It was followed by the 1,100 MW turbines on Kariba *Dam cutting out*. Current flowing into Zambia from the Inga hydroelectric power station in Congo reversed and went surging back along the line.

South Africa lost its connection with the 2,000 MW Cahora Bassa hydroelectric scheme in Mozambique. The lines between South Africa and Zimbabwe went dead. As source after source of power switched off, so did Zimbabwe and Zambia. *Supplies were reconnected* after midnight.

"I don't know how they remove the struts. They are bolted on, and they are soldered," said Mr Mahlanza. "These guys sell them. They make steel bracelets out of them, and they use them for scotch carts [*donkey carts*]."

The first confirmed instance of pylon girder theft was in Congo, then called Zaire, two years ago. "It's getting out of hand," said Mr Mahlanza. "It's a regional problem and it's increasing."

There were no injuries and no known arrests yet from the Kafue incident, he said.

30 children die as bus plunges into Delhi river

India's perilous roads witness another tragedy

Christopher Thomas writes

THE deaths of 30 schoolchildren after a bus plunged off a Delhi bridge into the River Yamuna yesterday *highlights* the awful standards of driving and road safety in India.

There was outrage among parents whose children are daily put at risk by decrepit buses, ill-qualified drivers and virtual anarchy on the roads.

The bus was *said* by witnesses to have been speeding across the bridge, which was packed with morning rush-hour traffic, when it smashed *through* barriers and plunged 30ft into the sluggish Yamuna, now more of a sewer than a river.

Sixty-seven children were *injured* and 20 were *missing*. The driver and conductor were unhurt. The children were aged between six and 14.

It was the ninth time this *year that accidents involving* packed buses have killed dozens of people. People living *in* huts on the riverbank jumped into the water and managed to save about ten children. But rescue operations were delayed until sluice gates under the bridge could be closed.

The vehicle was carrying *120 children, double the legal* limit, although such regulations are routinely ignored by bus operators trying to make extra profits.

The bus was *hauled out* of the river by crane as a final search was carried out for bodies. Scores of brightly coloured schoolbags piled on the *side of the road* attracted crowds of sightseers.

The dead and injured were taken to the Bara Hindu Rao Hospital, but no doctors or officials were present. Pupils who went to visit friends shouted slogans against the hospital after rumours spread that two children who were alive had been *sent to the* mortuary by unqualified staff.

Ravinder Grewel, a senior policeman, said that the bus jumped the footpath and skidded on patches of sand before crashing through the railings.

The children were on their way to the state Ludlow Castle Sarvodaya School, a modest establishment for lower middle-class children whose parents are able to raise the token attendance fee. It has 2,000 pupils.

Parents and relatives besieged the hospital trying to establish which children had been killed or *injured*, but encountered chaos as junior hospital staff attempted to summon nurses and doctors.

Parents were frantic: some were *told their children had* been discharged, but their whereabouts were unknown. A few were wrongly informed that their children had been killed.

The hospital has meagre resources and there were ugly scenes as parents screamed for help for injured and dying children.

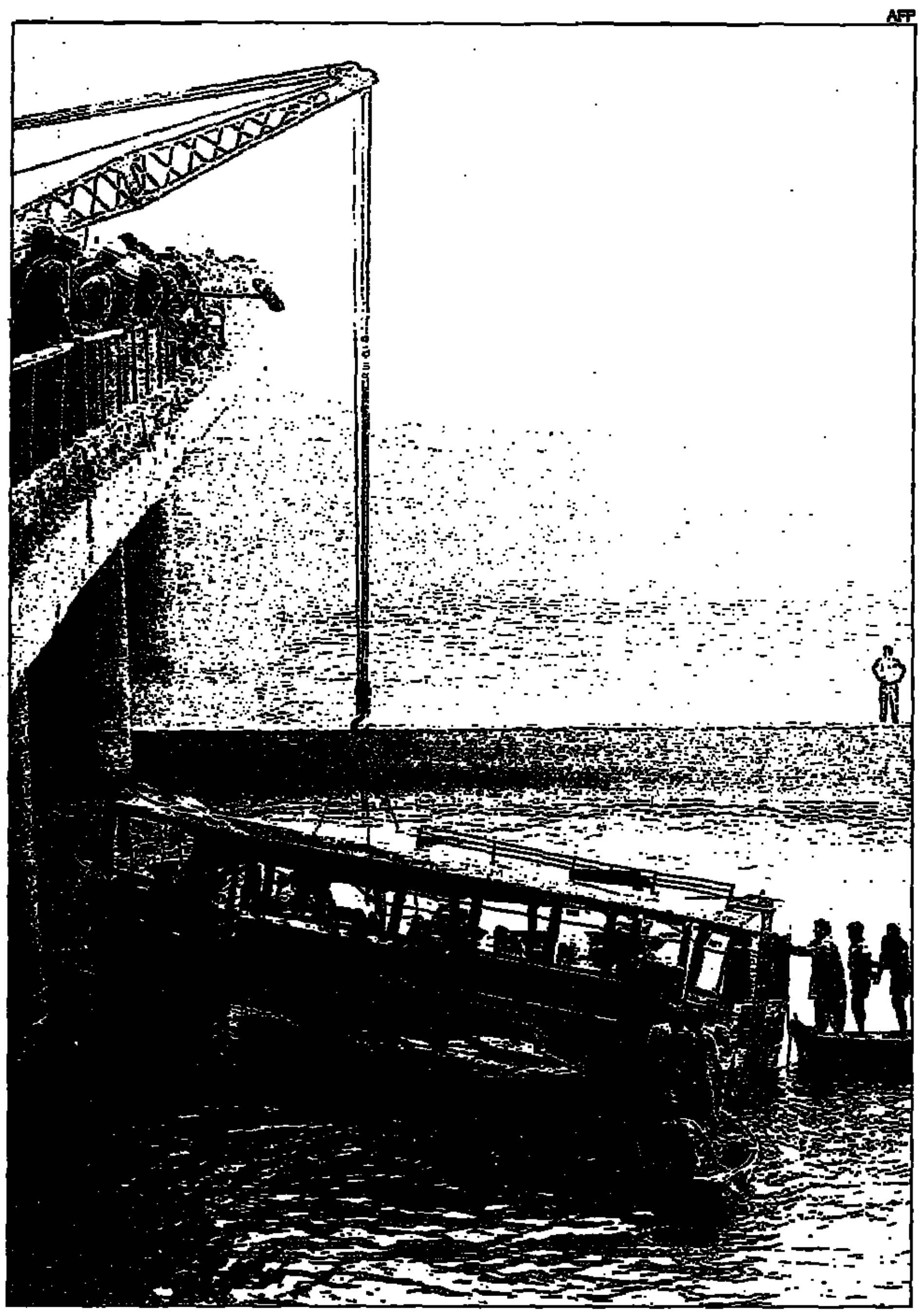
The Delhi administration announced payments of 100,000 rupees (£1,660) to the families of each dead child. The city's chief minister said it was "most disturbing" that the bus was overloaded.

Inder Kumar Gujral, the Prime Minister, joined leaders in expressing shock and grief. An official inquiry is being set up, but nothing is likely to end the worsening carnage on India's increasingly overburdened roads, which in Delhi are almost unpoliced because *of a shortage of manpower*. Drunken driving, speeding and erratic behaviour are rarely punished.

Yesterday's was the third disaster involving buses in two months. In September, 47 people died when a bus fell into the Krishna River in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh; on October 2 at least 41 people, including ten children, were killed when a bus plunged into a stream in the same state. The cause of such disasters is invariably linked to reckless driving.

Delhi's roads are considered to be among the most treacherous in the world. On average, six people die in road accidents in the city every day.

Two fathers share their grief after being told they had *lost their sons. Other parents faced hospital chaos*



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The bus is lifted from the Yamuna river in Delhi yesterday as rescuers continued to search for 20 missing victims. The driver and conductor survived the disaster

Albright attacks Taleban oppression of women

The US Secretary of State has had some harsh words about attempts to turn Afghanistan into the purest *Muslim country in the world*, Ian Brodie writes

TALEBAN militants governing Afghanistan were denounced yesterday for their "despicable treatment of women and children" by Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State.

Seldom one to mince words, Ms Albright delivered her severe rebuke during her visit to neighbouring *Pakistan*. "*I think it is very clear why* we are opposed to the Taleban," she said at a press conference with Gohar Ayub Khan, the Pakistani Foreign Minister, in Islamabad.

She berated the Islamic extremists for their approach to human rights and their lack of respect for human dignity, which she described as reminiscent of the past rather than the way *of the future*.

Taleban was singled out as particularly oppressive in the latest State Department report on human rights around the world. Controlling two thirds of Afhanistan, Taleban has put *stringent curbs on women* in what militants say is a crusade to create the world's purest Muslim state. Women must be heavily veiled and can work only in medical jobs. Even then, they *are severely limited in their contacts* with others.

Girls' schools have been closed on the ground that there is not enough money to educate women as well as *men. To underscore her disdain for* Taleban, Ms Albright visited a girls' school at a camp in Peshawar for Afghan refugees.

She encouraged Pakistan to use its influence with Taleban to open negotiations with *rival Afghan factions* so as to create an acceptable and broad-based government for the whole country. Pakistan said its talks with Ms Albright, who was the first US *Secretary of State to visit the region for* 14 years, were marked by candour and cordiality. The two countries have been at odds over Pakistan's purchase of missiles and nuclear technology *from China. As a result, Washington* blocked delivery of F16 fighters for which Pakistan has paid.

Ms Albright said America would try to nudge along Pakistan's dispute with India over Kashmir if asked to do so by both sides. She recalled that her father, Joseph Korbel, was a member of the first United Nations commission to tackle the Kashmir problem and she would very much like to see it resolved.

Ms Albright insisted on visiting Pakistan and India even though the earlier part of her journey had become an exhausting and unscheduled round of stops in the Middle East. She was trying to rebuild the tattered Gulf War *coalition to deal with the showdown* with President Saddam Hussein over United Nations weapons inspectors in Iraq.

☐ Kabul: Taleban has ordered sec*urity forces in Kabul to* close businesses and stop traffic by blocking main crossroads for prayers twice a day, official sources said yesterday. *(AFP)*

Albright: rebuke came during Pakistan visit

WORLD SUMMARY

EU to back hi-tech mine clearance

Brussels: The European Union is to contribute 15 million euros (£10 million) to a research programme for developing new technologies to detect and destroy landmines.

The programme will research ways to improve minefield surveys, detection sensors and geographical databases. Detection costs are almost 150 times as much as the cost of mine production. An estimated 125 million uncleared landmines on former battlefields around the world kill more than 26,000 people every year. *(AP)*

Algiers killings

Paris: Gunmen killed 11 civilians in two attacks in Algeria and security forces shot dead *five suspected* Muslim rebels who were allegedly planning to assassinate a senior politician in Algiers. *(Reuters)*

Priest kidnapped

Ozamiz, Philippines: Muslim guerrillas kidnapped a Belgian Roman Catholic priest at gunpoint and threatened to kill him if a ransom of 4 million pesos (£70,000) was not paid. *(Reuters)*

Officer bailed

Madrid: Adolfo Scilingo, a *jailed* former Argentine Navy officer who has confessed to throwing prisoners from planes during Argentina's 1976-1983 "dirty war", has been freed on bail. *(Reuters)*

Coup plot fails

Freetown: Ten people, six from the forces, have been arrested in Sierra Leone over an alleged plot to topple the West African country's military Government, senior military sources said. *(Reuters)*

Erbakan plea

Ankara: Necmettin Erbakan, leader of Turkey's Islamist Welfare Party which the courts are attempting to ban, said the move violated international standards of human rights. *(Reuters)*

Backers jailed

Madrid: The Spanish Supreme Court has jailed four politicians and two businessmen for up to ten years for channeling £4 million of secret funds to the Spanish Socialist Party. *(AFP)*

Double trouble

Colombo: Sri Lankan students have captured a 10½in python which has two heads. The live baby snake was kept in a jam jar at a police station before zoo officials were alerted. *(Reuters)*

P.W. Botha, 81, to marry woman 35 years his junior

FROM SAM KILEY IN JOHANNESBURG

DUBBED the "Great Crocodile" for his political cunning and tenacity when President of South Africa, P.W. Botha showed yesterday he could also *match the reptile's* reputation for longevity by announcing that he would marry a woman 35 years his junior.

Mr Botha, 81, one of apartheid's founding members, who also served the National Party Government as Minister of Defence and Prime Minister and was a member *of the* Nazi-sympathising Ossewabrandwag (Oxwagon fire-watch) during the Second World War, announced his engagement to Reinette Te Water Naudé, 46, *in the* Afrikaans-language daily newspaper *Beeld*.

His relationship with Ms Naudé, a boarding-house manager, began soon after the death in June of his first wife, Elize, after *34 years of marriage*.

The former South African President said that he had learnt at university that "luck was a bunch of grapes that had to be picked when it was ripe". He told the newspaper: "I have experienced that many times."

However, Mr Botha's good fortune *may be stretched as a* result of his refusal to obey subpoenas to give evidence to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, set up after the 1994 elections to investigate and in some cases forgive human rights *abuses under* apartheid.

He said he did "not perform *in circuses*" *after* he was served with his first order to attend. But he was given a second chance after he also pleaded that he was medically *unfit to appear* after *having* a hip replaced.

Now back on his feet, his nuptial plans may be disrupted if he does not attend the commission hearing into the role of the State Security Council, which he chaired: he faces a heavy fine and two years in jail.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, chairman of the commission, has offered to move the hearings to George, about 200 miles east of Cape Town, *which* is closer to Mr Botha's home at the holiday resort of Wilderness.

The commissioners want to question him over the South African incursion into Angola in 1975 and whether he sanctioned the murder of anti-apartheid activists during his tenure as President from 1984 to 1989.

But the Great Crocodile has *insisted that he will ignore* subpoenas issued by the commission while he concentrates on Ms Naudé.

Naudé: Botha's fiancée manages boarding house

China may free second dissident

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

BEIJING'S top spokesman on foreign affairs suggested yesterday that Wang Dan, China's second most famous dissident, might soon follow Wei Jingsheng to the US on "medical parole".

Speaking at the Foreign Ministry's weekly press conference, Shen Guofang, replying to a question about whether Mr Wang might be freed for medical treatment abroad, said: "I think this kind of situation in the past occurred frequently. In the future I think it will continue."

Mr Shen's hint came within 24 hours of a remark by James Sasser, the US Ambassador in Beijing, that he felt optimistic that further political *prisoners* would be freed. Mr Sasser had made a similar prediction shortly before Mr Wei was freed last Saturday.

Mr Wang, 28, one of the leaders of the *1989* Tiananmen Square demon*strations after* which he was jailed for four years, was re-imprisoned last year for 11 years for "subversion".

Somali flood toll rises

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN BARDERA, SOMALIA

THE confirmed death toll *in* flooding in southern Somalia *rose to* 1,265 yesterday, but aid agencies still had only three small boats on the flooded Juba River a month after it burst its banks. More were on the way, however, along with four helicopters hired from South Africa after an appeal to governments around the world produced no offers.

Prices of basic foodstuffs *had tripled in flooded regions* and cereal crops were expected to be hit hard as torrential rains continued, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Programme in Rome. Donors have provided *just under half the $10 million* (£6 million) that aid agencies were seeking.

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Holocaust survivor wins Swiss payment

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AN ELDERLY Jewish Holocaust survivor yesterday became the first of thousands of Eastern Europeans to receive compensation from Swiss banks eager to restore their image.

In an emotional ceremony in Riga, the Latvian capital, Riva Sefere, a frail 75-year-old, received $400 (£235), the first instalment of a $1,000 compensation package.

The Swiss banks established the $200 million fund in response to allegations that they collaborated with Hitler and kept the assets from bank accounts belonging to Jews killed in the Holocaust.

☐ Jerusalem: Israel's parliament threatened Israeli banks with prosecution yesterday if they persisted in refusing to identify the owners of dormant Nazi-era accounts. *(AFP)*

Gaddafi on trial in Berlin

The Libyan leader's role as a sponsor of terrorism is central to the disco bomb case, writes **Roger Boyes**

Police examine the wrecked Berlin disco: Colonel Gaddafi's regime is accused

THE role of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi as a sponsor of international terrorism is at the heart of a trial that began yesterday under the tighest security in Berlin.

The Libyan leader is expected to be pursued not only in the Berlin courtroom but also in American courts as relations of victims of the 1986 Berlin discotheque bombing use new German evidence to lodge compensation claims.

Yesterday the German prosecutor accused two Palestinians, a Libyan and two Germans of the attack. The move, he says, was ordered directly by the Libyan intelligence service and was coordinated by Libya's East Berlin Embassy.

Three people, including two American servicemen were killed and more than 200 injured. The bomb prompted President Reagan to unleash air raids on Tripoli and Benghazi: Colonel Gaddafi survived one of them only because he was sleeping in a bedouin tent in the garden of his villa. The Tripoli regime said that the Libyan leader's adopted daughter was killed by an American bomb.

The German prosecutor, building his case on confessions and on the files of the East German secret police, says that a Palestinian, Yassir Shryadi, a member of the Libyan-sponsored terrorist group the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (General Command), paid his fellow Palestinian, Ali Chanaa, to assemble the 6.6lb bomb spiked with metal fragments. Mr Chanaa's German wife Verena identified which discotheques were frequented by US soldiers, the charge sheet says. Frau Chanaa and her sister planted the bomb.

Mr Chanaa was a chauffeur at the Libyan Embassy in East Berlin. Musbah Eter, a Libyan diplomat, is charged with being an accomplice. It is his evidence that clinches the connection with Colonel Gaddafi as far as the prosecutor is concerned. In addition, American signals intelligence intercepted a message sent from the Libyan Embassy to Tripoli: "At 1.30 in the morning one of the acts was carried out with success, without leaving a trace."

The bombing of La Belle discotheque came against the backdrop of intense tension with America. A series of Libyan-backed terrorist attacks on airports had prompted the United States to stage naval manoeuvres off the North African coast. Two Libyan patrol boats were sunk.

The Libyans, according to the evidence presented yesterday, responded with the Berlin disco bombing. The trail of blood is said to have led ultimately to the blowing up of the PanAm plane over Lockerbie in December 1988.

Fourteen victims of the Berlin explosion, some of whom lost limbs in the blast, and their relations have taken civil action against Libya. Confident that the prosecutor's case against Libya is very strong — the prosecutor intends to name the country as a supporter of state terrorism — many victims plan to sue for compensation in American courts.

Colonel Gaddafi is thus set again to become a bugbear of the West. His involvement in terrorism goes back at least to 1971 when a British aircraft on its way from London to Khartoum was forced to land in Benghazi.

Among the groups that have benefited from Colonel Gaddafi's largesse are the Black September Palestinian group, the Eritrean Liberation Front, the Basque ETA and the IRA. Muslim rebels in the Philippines and radical groups in Chad, Thailand and Panama also benefited from Libyan money.

PETER MORGAN / REUTERS

Ivanka Trump, daughter of multimillionaire Donald Trump, in a fashion show held outside the New York Stock Exchange. Her outfit featured ticker tape

Hillary Clinton tour

Lviv: Hillary Clinton wrapped up an eight-day visit to five former Soviet republics yesterday by announcing a new White House-United Nations campaign against prostitution.

"It is a violation of human rights when women are trafficked, bought and sold as prostitutes," she told about 1,000 people at the Lviv Opera House. "We want to reach women who may be in danger." However she gave few details to her audience in Ukraine of the anti-prostitution campaign. *(AP)*

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Republicans block gay US ambassador

Clinton snubbed over posting to Luxembourg

Tom Rhodes reports

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S attempts to appoint the first openly homosexual ambassador ran into a conservative roadblock in Congress yesterday after Republicans objected to the candidate's long history of promoting gay rights.

James Hormel, the heir to a San Francisco Spam fortune, had been chosen by Mr Clinton to fill the less than taxing roll of United States Ambassador to the Luxembourg. His nomination had gone forward on the basis of personal assurances that he would neither push an activist agenda nor present his partner as an ambassadorial spouse.

In a deliberate snub to the White House, however, leading Senate Republicans have delayed his appointment, citing evidence of Mr Hormel's long and outspoken promotion of same-sex marriages and gay rights.

Under Perle Mesta, appointed by President Truman, the American Embassy became such a regular haunt for European socialites that Irving Berlin asked Ethel Merman to star in the title roll of his musical, *Call Me Madam*, based on the entertaining exploits of the ambassador.

While the Luxembourg job is not high on the list of political priorities at the State Department, the country remains an important centre for banking and is a stopping point for numerous European dignitaries.

Mr Hormel, 64, chairman of the investment arm of Hormel Foods, a meatpacking and food processing giant in San Francisco, was a very big donor to the Democratic Party last year. His previous experience in diplomacy has been as an alternate in the United States delegation to the United Nations and a delegate to the UN Commission on Human Rights.

Although Jesse Helms, the powerful chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, objected to his appointment, he had allowed the nomination to be considered because of personal assurances by the President.

But Senator James Inhofe, an Oklahoma Republican, and Senator Tim Hutchinson, his Arkansas colleague, raised 11th-hour protests about the nomination.

"He has been an outspoken promoter of things like same-sex marriages, things we don't agree with," Mr Inhofe said.

Other nominations delayed by the Senate included those of Bill Lann Lee, the choice for civil rights chief at the Justice Department, who supports race and gender-based preference programmes, and David Satcher, Mr Clinton's pro-choice candidate for Surgeon General.

Gay rights organisations have rallied to Mr Hormel's support, accusing the Senate of discrimination. "He is completely qualified for the position," David Smith, of the Human Rights campaign, America's largest gay and lesbian organisation, said. "The only explanation why this has been held up is anti-gay bias."

During his first term, Mr Clinton had considered appointing Mr Hormel to Fiji, but after the debacle of his attempts to integrate gays into the military, the White House backed away from the nomination.

The present row comes soon after Mr Clinton tried once again to court America's homosexuals, becoming the first President to address a gay gala in Washington hosted, among others, by Ellen DeGeneres, the lesbian television personality.

The Hormel nomination will be considered again during the next session of Congress and after the dissenting senators have had time to consider his background.

☐ *British policy:* Britain has no openly homosexual ambassadors and it is likely to be a long time before any are appointed. Until 1992 no declared homosexual was allowed to join the Foreign Office because they were considered security risks (Michael *Binyon writes*).

It was only after the intervention of Sir Ian McKellen, the actor and gay rights activist, in 1992 that the Conservative Government lifted the ban. Homosexuals are now allowed to serve as diplomats provided they do not flaunt their lifestyle.

James Hormel at the opening of the gay and lesbian centre in San Francisco's main library last year

EPA

The planned refurbishment of the Hotel George V is expected to cost £30 million

Garbo: china dogs

Ellington: piano for sale

Image of Dietrich and Garbo's dogs star in hotel sale

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

AUCTIONEERS began selling the contents of the George V, the Paris hotel, this week, offering such rare items as a pair of china dogs from Greta Garbo's former room, the mirror that once reflected Marlene Dietrich and vast quantities of monogrammed cutlery.

The Saudi Arabian Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz al-Saud, who bought the art deco hotel last year, has decreed that everything must go before a complete refurbishment of the property, which will take at least a year and cost about £30 million.

The sale, which started on Monday and continues until Thursday week, includes about 10,000 pieces of furniture and objets d'art, more than 1,000 paintings and 3,000 items of tableware, much of it dating back to 1928 when the hotel off the Champs-Elysées opened.

The auction has stirred intense interest and more than 45,000 people flocked to a preview last weekend.

The high prices of some lots may be more a reflection of their celebrity associations than their intrinsic value. Among the more sought-after items are a Louis XV-style desk that John Wayne may have used; a 1930s table that happened to be in the same room as Audrey Hepburn; the Steinway piano on which Duke Ellington played, and the Louis XVI fire irons that President Eisenhower is said to have taken a shine to.

DNA tests reveal US caviare fraud

From Ian Brodie in Washington

MUCH of the supposedly top-quality caviare sold in America is not what it seems, officials said yesterday.

A government laboratory known as the "Scotland Yard of Wildlife Crime" has discovered through DNA testing that eggs passed off as coming from beluga sturgeon in the Caspian Sea often come from a common US species known as Montana paddlefish.

The eggs from these hefty, slow-moving river fish, costing less than $5 (£3) an ounce, are sent to Russia and Eastern Europe, repacked in beluga tins and shipped back to America to be sold for more than $50 an ounce, officials said. The fraud was reported last week to Interpol by Ken Goddard, director of the federal Fish and Wildlife Forensic Laboratory in Oregon.

He originally devised the DNA tests genetically analysing caviare from Russia to protect endangered species. Then he discovered the fraud involving the paddlefish, which are related to sturgeon and get their name from their large snouts in the shape of a canoe paddle.

Eloping lover, 92, in court

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

CHARLES BARNES fervently believes love conquers all, but in his case it is meeting stiff resistance in a Californian courtroom.

Mr Barnes, who walks with the aid of an aluminium frame, faces five days in jail and fines of up to $45,000 (£30,000) for eloping with his girlfriend of nine years. Their combined age is 176.

Accompanied by a throng of elderly wellwishers, Mr Barnes, handsome and alert at 92, spent Monday in a Los Angeles court where lawyers for his new wife's guardians asked a judge to order that she be moved back to the nursing home where they had sent her.

Constance Driscoll, 84, was living in a remote northern Californian town under orders from the conservators of her $800,000 estate when Mr Barnes absconded with her in September. After what he said was a nine-year courtship, they were married in her home town of Glendale, a Los Angeles suburb 500 miles from her nursing home, where Mr Barnes also lives and where he has since found full-time care for her in another nursing home.

Outside court, the pastor who presided at their wedding pleaded allegiance to a higher law than California's civil code. "I performed that ceremony because they love each other," Pastor Jack Dabner of Glendale's United Community Church told yesterday's *Los Angeles Times*. Mr Barnes could be made to pay the conservators' $46,000 legal bill in addition to any fines if the courts find against him. The case will be heared again in Superior Court next month.

"Love will prevail," the nonagenarian declared after the hearing, adding that he was independently wealthy and wanted to "be with Connie, not her money". His bride has Alzheimer's disease and short-term memory loss, but appears to know whom she has married. "When I asked her who she was," a friend said outside court, "she said 'Mrs Charles Barnes'."

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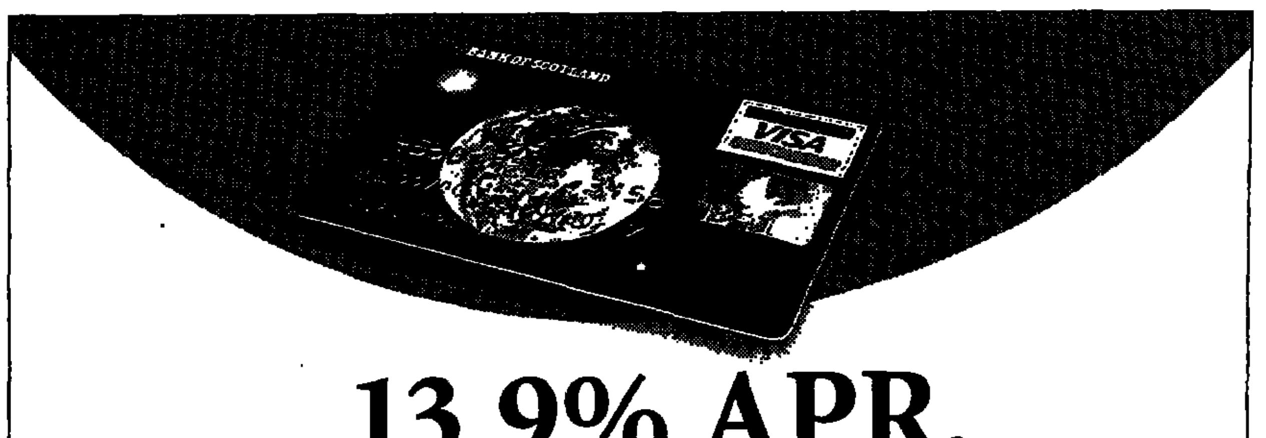

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They have tattoos, swill lager and swear. They also chant plainsong in Latin

Mediaeval Baebes are classical music's Spice Girls. Interview by **Nigel Williamson**

Their appeal lies somewhere between Radio 3 and *TGI Friday* and their target audience ranges from *Gramophone* subscribers to readers of *Loaded*. Sex has been used to sell classical music before — look at the cover of any Vanessa-Mae album — but there has never been anything quite like the Mediaeval Baebes. Imagine the Spice Girls singing madrigals and you begin to get the idea.

But if all is far from well in Spiceworld, over at Baebe Castle life looks as sweet as a syllabub. The debut album by the Mediaeval Baebes, released last week, is confidently predicted by industry insiders to storm straight to the top of the classical chart, leaving the likes of the LSO and Simon Rattle trailing.

The group's success is built on a formula so obvious that you wonder why no one thought of it before. An album of Latin plainsong recorded by 12 raunchy women in their mid-twenties, who shared some distinctly dodgy pasts, was always going to grab attention. Decorate the album with semi-naked poses alongside the religious medieval poetry and you have an instant controversy. Release it six weeks before Christmas, add the marketing expertise of Virgin Records (where the Baebes are label mates with the Spice Girls) and you have a bestselling popular phenomenon. And like the Girls, the Baebes are already preparing for the backlash.

"The classical world is elitist. They think you have to go through a lot of training to sing this music," says Rachel Van Asch, 26, who happily admits that until 12 months ago she had sung only in her bath. "We've proved that is not the case, and I know they are going to put the boot in. But if they are so intolerant and jealous, that's their problem."

The Baebes clearly share more than a record label with the Spice Girls, and Nicole Frobusch, 27, who trained as a dancer rather than a singer and has a dragon tattooed on her upper arm, displays a similarly spiky attitude. "A classical training can be limiting. It takes the joy out of it if you are concentrating on perfection all the time. You don't need to read music because singing is very natural. It just goes up and down, doesn't it?"

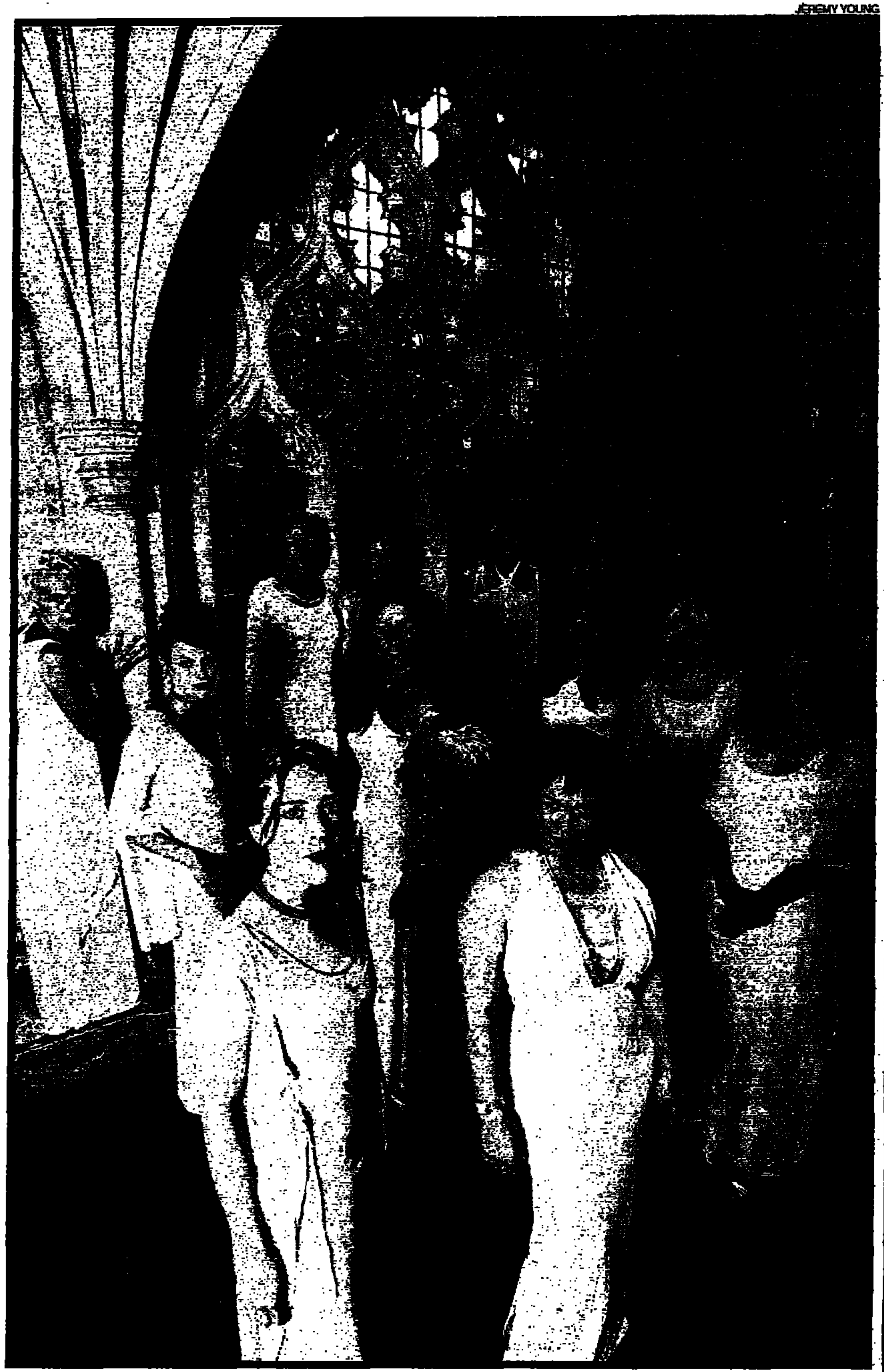
Apart from Katharine Blake, 27, the group's leader and musical arranger, who studied at the Purcell School of Music and the Guildhall, none of the other Baebes has any formal musical training. Their CVs are more in the "school of life" vein — one was a go-go dancer at a club called Cairo Jack's, there are a couple of fire-eaters, a witch, several who are into ritual magic and a couple of members of an alternative rock band, Miranda Sex Garden.

"To be honest I didn't know there was a classical chart until we were told we were top of it," Ms Van Asch says.

The Spice Girls comparisons are irresistible. The music the Baebes sing may come from different centuries but they draw on the same vocabulary of feminine empowerment, use their sexuality in equally upfront fashion and share an uninhibited, girls-behaving-badly attitude. "Lager-swilling, smoking, cursing, tattooed sex goddesses," their PR company called them, and when Virgin organised a showcase at a London club last month to parade its new signing before industry insiders, the Baebes lived up to the image. They were accused of forcing open a locked bar and making off with large quantities of alcohol.

"That's not true," Ms Van Asch says indignantly. "We didn't force any lock. They left the booze blatantly on display, and being opportunistic women who like a drink, we took it." Ms Blake joins the protest: "What did they expect when they left the beers in a room full of pissed-up women? It served them right for being so moronic."

JEREMY YOUNG



The Baebes employ the same vocabulary of female empowerment as the Spice Girls and share a girls-behaving-badly attitude

Their only objection to the Spice Girls comparisons is the idea that the Baebes are similarly manufactured. There was no formula and no auditions, just a bunch of friends, says Ms Blake. "I had performed in a medieval band before but I wanted to make it more showbiz. The people I recruited were the people I was hanging around with, and we started 18 months ago by going to Hampstead Heath, having picnics and singing together. It wasn't really a business plan initially, it was just for fun."

She then set about training her new recruits with help from a voice coach at London's Trinity College of Music. The record deal came via a recommendation from Don Mousseu, who had masterminded Michael Nyman's rise to fame and already knew Ms Blake. On the album Mr Mousseu is credited with "project development" but Ms Blake denies he is a Simon Fuller figure, orchestrating their every move. "We don't have a manager. We have an informal arrangement with him but we haven't signed a contractual deal. Because we are signed to Virgin, people think the label is pulling the strings. They find it hard to believe that we created ourselves."

Virgin may not have manufactured the Baebes but it swiftly saw the potential. "They were looking for this year's Christmas album and they found us. But they haven't imposed this image on us. There was no commercial decision to be sexy. We just are," says Ms Blake. Ms Van Asch, who also makes their slinky white stage dresses, reinforces the point: "We are not trying to be all sassy when we are actually a bunch of nuns. We are genuinely a raunchy bunch of birds and that empowers the music and has put a bit of gusto into it."

> 'Our images are not chastity belts but dragons and knights'

Ah, the music. The reviews of the album are just starting to appear and the Baebes are bracing themselves for a hammering from the classical press. Even the untrained ear can tell that they sound more like a good school choir than professionally trained singers.

"The spirit is the important thing. We wanted to make this music fun, and the critics won't like that. Most of these girls hadn't even heard medieval music a year ago. I felt uncomfortable in the classical world because it is very insular. I wanted to take the knowledge that I learnt outside," Ms Blake says.

The Baebes are now preparing for a tour to capitalise on the album's success, but controversy has already dogged them. Plans to play in a number of churches have been jeopardised by revelations that one of the Baebes, Carmen Schneider, describes herself as a "witch" while several others confess to dabbling in the occult.

Such apparently deliberate courting of notoriety raises suspicions of a publicity stunt. "Several of us perform magic rituals. We've done a lot of positive magic, it's not evil. We don't pray to Satan," Ms Van Asch says.

The banter that follows suggests they are not entirely serious. "How do you think we got this record deal?" asks Ms Blake. A giggling voice cites a pint of baby's blood in the bathroom. Predictably, there have been rent-a-quote clerics ready to rise to the bait and condemn their "paganism".

Ms Van Asch says: "They're shaking with anger but we're not sure why. The Church seems to have a problem with us selling God's music with this sexy image. Everyone can relate to our sexuality but the Church is not seeing the benefits. We're doing it a favour but it's terrified of 12 strong-minded, sexy women and I can see we might be a scary concept."

Which seems to bring us back to the Spice Girls. "There are parallels but it's not girl power, we're into princess power. Chivalry, not shopping," Ms Van Asch says. Such perfectly formed soundbites bear the hallmark of the overworked imagination of a professional PR but Ms Blake denies it. "There is a romance to the medieval period and everyone in the band is deeply romantic. Our images are not chastity belts but dragons and handsome knights. We want to encourage chivalry and honour. I'm not surprised by our success because the romance of princesses in castles has a universal appeal. It's everyone's fantasy."

One last time I ask whether their nascent career hasn't all been planned around a cynical marketing of that fantasy. "Our only formula is to be talented, sexy and clever all at the same time," Ms Van Asch declares.

"And with humility and a sense of humour," Ms Blake adds. Easy, really.

- *Salva Nos* by the *Mediaeval Baebes is released on Virgin.*

New Barbie – for feminists

Nigella Lawson

ONE'S view of the world is necessarily coloured by one's experiences. The fact that mine has been a lurid, tacky, Schiaparelli-if-only pink for some time I thought was a personal development, the tonal stages I had to go through as the Calpol stains gave way to wall-to-wall Barbie.

But, I see now, the whole world's gone Barbie. A row of terraced houses in Salford — and that's both sides of the street — has been painted Barbie pink and even The Conran Shop stocks a serious artbook depicting the doll as collectable. And we know that if Sir Terence has clocked it, it's cool.

But more: the manufacturers, Mattel, announce that a new Barbie, with a new streamlined figure and remodelled face, is to be exhibited at an American toy fair in the new year and the press is beside itself with speculation. This is no longer just a good story: it's significant.

Well, Kate Millett it isn't, but this is the deal, significance-wise. The doll we have now, M'lud, has a disproportionately curvaceous figure. Well, she would, she's a doll, you could argue. But that's not what her detractors mean. They mean that if dolly-shape were translated into human dimensions, her statistics would read 38-18-34. This, I grant you, would be improbable. The new Barbie is to do away with such an unrealistic figure: her measurements are, scaled down, to be 34-22-33. I leave it to you to decide whether this is an any more healthy image to propagate.

To go with the body, a new face is being organised. And just to show that New Barbie is going to be more radical than anyone thought, out goes the Miss Texas 1983 hair.

If you were interested in this from a Barbie-centric perspective, you could ask whether the new Barbie will still be the Barbie we know, the one that sells at the rate of two per second. I suspect she will. We adults are all obsessed by her looks: what little girls like is the dressing up. A new doll means a whole new wardrobe: why should they complain?

But it's the guff that's spoken about her from a sexual-political angle that worries me more. The general consensus seems to be that Barbie is to have a boob job "and that should keep the feminists happy". Excuse me, but why? Look, I knew that a peculiar school of self-loathing feminists have always viewed the female form as something to get angry about, but that doesn't mean the rest of us should go along with it.

But they do. A woman I worked for once remarked on some Page Three girl or other's "improbable and insulting statistics". I understand why the Page Three girl should have come in for some ideological stick, but I have never quite understood why being privately bosomy should be thought to be an anti-feminist act.

Sorry to be a bore, but what feminism teaches is to be alert to meanings that are appended to things, the inferences that are routinely drawn from appearances. What's the point if we just carry on making the same inferences, drawing the same conclusions.

A peerless show of hypocrisy

SOME things we know: politicians have no sense of shame; what they lack there, they more than make up for with self-importance. This much we expect, and were these expectations simply met, there would be no need to remark on it. But Roy Hattersley goes off the scale.

Right off it: he catapults himself into some as yet uncharted stratosphere of ridiculous, how-could-he pomposity in such a way as to guarantee that even the terminally unembarrassable be left cringing.

Now, there is nothing wrong in wanting to have the House of Lords abolished. Some of my best friends want to see the House of Lords abolished. But if they do, they don't accept peerages. Or perhaps, that isn't quite true: I think they may, but they go quietly, with the decency to be silenced by their hypocrisy. Where Hattersley is wrong is in thinking that by making a fuss he is absolving himself of any want of decency or soundness.

He confesses to "turning hysterical every time I think of taking my oath of allegiance". Should we be grateful, then, that he is to style himself, from Monday, Lord Hattersley of Sparkbrook? I rather think he feels we ought.

I suspect, too, that he feels his moral standing is fully protected by the heavy underlay of irony called into facetious play here. But no amount of bluster can hide the fact that he chose to accept his peerage. I don't wish to imply that he should have turned his down, but what we shouldn't have to witness is the struggle between him and this putative conscience, culminating in the ignoble triumph of the former over the latter.

It is customary to lament the passing of the old Left — of which Hattersley is an undistinguished relic — and to mourn its ideals of decency and integrity, lost or discarded by an opportunistic new Labour Party.

Oh really? Give me Peter Mandelson any day.

A denial of human rights

A MAN is currently trying to stop his borough council giving a close-circuit television film of his suicide attempt to the BBC programme *Crime Beat*. Since I can buy videos of people speeding, without their permission, it is obvious that far from living in the post-permissive age, we are living in a cruelly unforgiving and almost fundamentalist one: any misdemeanour seems enough to deny anyone the basic liberal rights.

Speeding is one thing — although the principle should be enough — but to be able to publicise human fallibility to the extent of broadcasting someone's suicide attempt is distasteful to the point of decadence.

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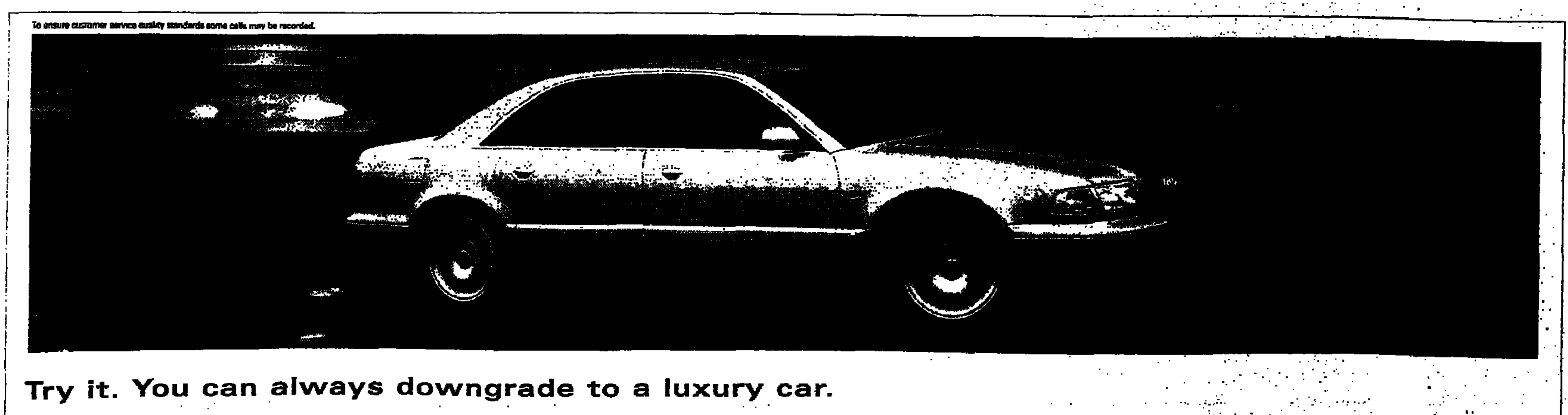

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The newly ennobled Baroness Linklater of Butterstone and the previous Mr and Mrs Linklater: "I have been shifted below the salt. I have taken to falling a step or two behind her, hands clasped behind my back, Prince Philip-style"

There's a new lady in my life

Mysterious phone calls, embossed letters and strange rituals — **Magnus Linklater** finds it hard to adjust to life as a commoner when his wife is invited to become a working peer

I have never been strongly aware, *until now*, of being a commoner. It is, *after* all, a *relatively* familiar state to which most of us become easily attached. Now, however, I am acutely conscious of it. My life has acquired a titular imbalance: my wife has become a baroness. Previously known as Mrs — as in "May I introduce you to Mr and Mrs Linklater?" — she is now the Baroness Linklater, as in "May I introduce you to Baroness Linklater, and er ... "

The other day the first invitation arrived for "Lady Linklater and guest". I have been shifted below the salt. I *have taken to falling back a* step or two behind her, hands clasped behind my back, Prince Philip-style. Any moment now I expect to hear myself saying "How do you do? Have you come far?"

The whole thing has been a bizarre introduction to the upper echelons of the British class system and the rituals of ennoblement — fascinating, not least because it has happened just as the House of Lords contemplates its possible *fin de saison*; if Tony Blair means what he says, this could be the last generation we shall see of life peers rubbing ermined shoulders' with the hereditary variety. While those who have been born and bred to the peerage will be barred from the chamber, my wife will not. She has a very splendid green seal in a large red box to prove it, and a letter patent which states that she holds "the said name state degree style dignity title and honour ... to have and to hold unto her for her life".

It all began this summer, in a *tiny cottage in the High*lands, where we were on holiday, cut off from the outside world save for an ancient telephone linked to a somewhat unstable aerial on a nearby hill. A crackling call came through one evening from Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats. "Are *you sitting down?" he asked* my wife. "We would like you to *be a working peer ... we need* an answer in 24 hours."

"I think perhaps I had better lie down," she said, faintly.

It proved to be an invitation hard to refuse, whatever the disruption to our lives — a minimum of two days a week for her in London, three-line whips to be obeyed, a maiden speech to think about, debates, *questions in the House, the* complex traditions of the peerage. *Just because you are not* hereditary doesn't mean that you don't have to be up to speed with protocol. Letters in heavily embossed envelopes began to arrive. Mysterious characters such as "Black Rod" spoke down the telephone.

The question of a title loomed large. The *most important new* figure in our lives became the Garter *King* of Arms, known in the trade as "Garter". He had the ultimate say over my wife's new name. She had to be baroness of somewhere. The question was where. It gave me my first opportunity for a House of Lords joke. "It's up to Garter," *I would say. "But I dare say* he'll be fairly elastic." The joke *turns* out not to be original.

Since my wife wanted a Scottish name as her title, she went to see Garter's main heraldic rival, the Lord Lyon King of Arms (known, of course, as "Lyon"), whose remit covers Scotland. Originally she wondered whether she could be "*Lady Linklater* of Dunkeld" (the nearest town *to her home in Perthshire*). This, it emerged, was out of *the question, since there had* been a Jacobite Lord Dunkeld at the Battle of Killiecrankie in 1689, and although he had been forced into exile after the defeat of the Highland rebels, and died in France, there might be heirs and successors waiting to reclaim it. Nor could she be plain Lady Linklater, since Lyon had discovered a "Linklater of that ilk" lurking in the genealogical undergrowth, and you couldn't have two. So she opted for "Linklater of *Butterstone" — the name of the* village where she has founded a school. *It sounded cumber*some, but Garter approved.

The big day of my wife's introduction to the House of Lords was not only a welter of timeless ritual but an introduction into a civilised cocoon, where everyone seems eager to welcome you and no one expects you to be anything other than totally confused, at *least to begin with. Instruc*tions proliferate ("Stick to the *red carpets. If you're on* a green one, you're probably lost"); "The House" acquires human status, as in "The *House would* not, *on the* whole, approve ..." Libraries, *book-lined corridors, old por*traits and impeccable service give you the impression that time has stood still in the grandest of country houses.

Sitting in the Strangers' Gallery, looking down from behind the Woolsack, took one back even further. All that could be seen of the *Lord* Chancellor was an an*cient grey wig and* a black tricorn hat. *He* looked Hogarthian, a figure who spoke not at all, but at whose feet people knelt. There were three new peers to be introduced, each with two sponsors. My wife was presented by my Lords Jenkins and Mackie, who had *to rise and bow three times to* the Lord Chancellor, doffing *their fore-and-aft* hats. My wife, in a rather fetching black bonnet, was allowed to keep it on. There followed a lengthy peroration, welcoming her to the House on behalf of Her *Majesty, and including an* intriguing reference to the "arduous and urgent affairs" of the present time and "dangers impending". No one was quite clear what this referred to, unless it was Mr Blair's reform plans. Finally, she approached the Woolsack and shook hands with the Lord Chancellor. *There was a grati*fying rumble of "hear-hears". *She* was in — for life.

The only other surprise was to note that one of the other peers being introduced that day had been given the name "Lord Simpson of Dunkeld" — the *title said to be* unavailable to my wife.

Clearly there is one law north of the border and another south of it. It is time that Lyon spoke to Garter. Or perhaps he should roar.

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Why Europe can't afford the euro

Milton Friedman explains the danger of a common currency

A common currency is an excellent monetary arrangement under some circumstances, a poor one under others. Whether it is good or bad depends primarily on the adjustment mechanisms that are available to absorb the economic shocks and dislocations that impinge on the entities considering such a currency.

Flexible exchange rates are a powerful adjustment mechanism for shocks that affect the entities differently. It is worth dispensing with this mechanism to gain the advantage of lower transaction costs and external discipline only if there are adequate alternatives.

The United States is an example of a situation that is favourable to a common currency. Although composed of 50 states, its residents overwhelmingly speak the same language, listen to the same television programmes, see the same movies, can and do move freely from one part of the country to another. Goods and capital move freely from state to state, wages and prices are moderately flexible, and the national Government raises in taxes and spends roughly twice as much as state and local governments. Fiscal policies differ from state to state, but the differences are minor compared with the common national policy.

Unexpected shocks may well affect one part of the United States more than others — as, for example, the Middle East embargo on oil did in the 1970s, creating an increased demand for labour and boom conditions in some states, such as Texas, and unemployment and depressed conditions in others, such as the oil-importing states of the industrial Midwest. The different short-run effects were soon mediated by movements of people and goods, by offsetting financial flows from the national to the state and local governments, and by adjustments in prices and wages.

In contrast, Europe exemplifies a situation unfavourable to a common currency. It is composed of separate nations, speaking different languages, with different customs, and having citizens feeling far greater loyalty and attachment to their own country than to a common market or to the idea of "Europe". Despite being a free-trade area, goods and capital move less freely than in the United States.

The European Commission based in Brussels, indeed, spends only a fraction of the total spent by national governments in the member countries. They, not the European bureaucracies, are the important political entities.

Moreover, regulation of industry and employment is more extensive than in the United States, and differs far more from country to country than between American states. As a result, wages and prices in Europe are more rigid, and labour less mobile. In those circumstances, flexible exchange rates provide an extremely useful adjustment mechanism.

If one country is affected by negative shocks that call for, say, lower wages relative to other countries, that can be achieved by a change in one price, the exchange rate, rather than by requiring changes in thousands on thousands of separate wage rates, or the emigration of labour. The hardships imposed on France by its *"franc fort"* policy illustrate the cost of a politically inspired determination not to use the exchange rate to adjust to the impact of German unification. Britain's economic growth after it abandoned the exchange-rate mechanism a few years ago to refloat the pound illustrates the effectiveness of the exchange rate as an adjustment mechanism.

Proponents of the euro often cite the gold standard era from 1879 to 1914 as demonstrating the benefits of a common currency. But the gold standard also had its costs. The period was characterised by declining prices from 1879 to 1896, rising prices thereafter, and sharp fluctuations within each period.

The standard was viable only because governments were small (spending about 10 per cent of the national income, rather than 50 per cent or more, as now), prices and wages were highly flexible and the public was willing to tolerate, or had no way to moderate, wide swings in output and employment. Take away the rose-coloured glasses and it was hardly a system to emulate.

> The drive for the euro is political, not economic

As of today, a subgroup of the European Union — perhaps Germany, the Benelux countries and Austria — come closer to satisfying the conditions favourable to a common currency than does the union as a whole. And they also have the equivalent of a common currency.

Austria and the Benelux three have, to all intents and purposes, linked their currencies to the mark. However, these countries retain their central banks and hence can break the link at will. Any country that wishes to link to the mark more firmly can do so on its own, simply by replacing its central bank with a currency board, as some countries (such as Estonia) outside the EU have done.

The drive for the euro has been motivated by politics, not economics. The aim has been to link Germany and France so closely as to make a future European war impossible, and to set the stage for a federal United States of Europe. I believe that adoption of the euro would have the opposite effect.

It would exacerbate political tensions by converting divergent shocks that could have been readily accommodated by exchange-rate changes into divisive political issues. Political unity can pave the way for monetary unity. Monetary unity imposed under unfavourable conditions will prove a barrier to the achievement of political unity.

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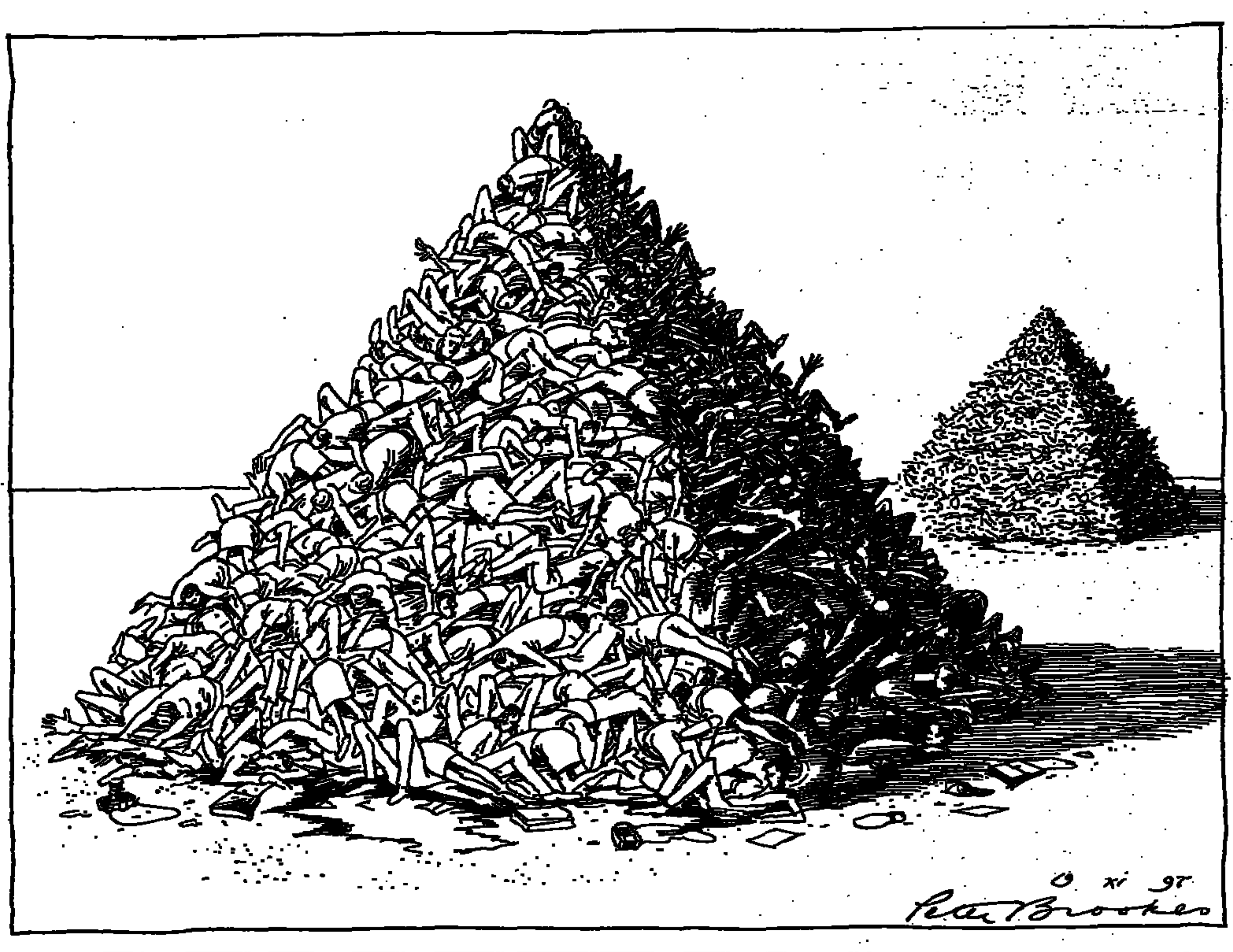


Hysteria calls the shots

Over-reaction to the Luxor massacre would be to give in to terrorism

Simon Jenkins

When the Assyrian warrior Ashurbanipal descended on Thebes in the 7th century BC, he razed it to the ground. This first great terrorist boasted that he took the entire city, "silver, gold, precious stones, costly garments, great horses, men and women, obelisks covered with carving . . . and brought them to Assyria". The sack of Thebes appalled the Mediterranean world by its cruelty. Children were dashed to pieces on the streets. Noblemen were sold by lot. "Her strength was infinite," wrote the prophet Nahum of Thebes, "yet she was carried away into captivity".

Monday's massacre on the site of that city saw a new Assyrian terror, from fanatical opponents of Islamic reform. But whereas Ashurbanipal terrorised by laying waste an entire city, the death squads of Jamaa Islamiyya needed only to machine-gun a busload of Western tourists. Any blood is news. But Western blood travels the globe. A dead Westerner is a media ticket to ride. Ten thousand Algerians may have died in a similar cause, a hundred thousand Afghans, a million across the Arab world. No matter. In the grim calculus of media values, a dead Westerner is worth a thousand Arabs. His corpse demands a headline and clears a page to shout his killer's cause.

There is no Westerner so productive of publicity as a tourist. Few identify with a murdered businessman or diplomat. A murdered tourist is one of us. He inhabits the same glass capsule from which we too see the outside world, travelling with our minibuses, our tour guides with broken English, our lists of familiar sites and formulaic hotels. We know these places. The path to the Sphinx, the Corniche at Luxor, the drive to the Valley of the Kings are corners of a foreign field that have become for ever England. Machine gun us there and you machine gun us in our backyard, surrounded by cultural family and friends.

This is the core of the fundamentalists' case. Islam is threatened by an imperialism even more menacing to its dogma than the political imperialism of the 19th century. Mass tourism is the agency of this aggression. The tourist is not a neutral bystander in the religious wars now being fought across the Islamic world. He is a participant. The Temple of Hatshepsut, where Monday's atrocity occurred, no longer "belongs" to Egypt but to the world. It is being restored by European archaeologists with Unesco money. To the fundamentalist, Luxor is a cultural colony, occupied by the armies of world tourism.

I have just been in Bhutan in the Himalayas, where a Buddhist monarchy is desperate to resist tourist pollution of its culture. Bhutan bans television and insists its citizens wear traditional dress. Tourists are rationed to a meagre 4,000 visas a year. Egypt, in contrast, welcomes four million tourists, and $2 billion in foreign exchange. Tourism is the biggest industry, supporting a fifth of the population. Such wealth inevitably Westernises and secularises the country; this, too, is Government policy. But to every policy there is an opposition. While Bhutanese tourism is rationed by the Government, Egyptian tourism is this week rationed by the gun.

The initial foreign reaction to Monday's event was predictably irrational. The Luxor murders may have been different only in number from a dozen attacks on tourists in Egypt over the past five years. Yet statistical terrorism took hold. Sixty dead was not just six times "more" than when ten tourists died in a similar attack last September, but ten times "worse". A murder had become a massacre. We feel obliged to inflate our horror.

As the media blazoned the news round the world, tour companies organised flights to remove their clients from the scene. A mortified Egypt looked on, while the British Foreign Office said people should leave Luxor as their "security could not be guaranteed". The implication that security was "guaranteed" before the killings but not after was ridiculous. No matter. Public statements at such times must synchronise with hysteria. The only sane voice I heard was from a Manchester woman in a Luxor hotel. She insisted her holiday would continue, because to pull out would "double the misery this tragedy has caused the Egyptians we have met". Would that someone in authority had said the same.

True, a holiday is supposedly about relaxation and freedom from care. The last quality it should require is bravado. Tourism is also a marginal activity, its decisions bordering on the whimsical. In the 1970s, the IRA decided that dead Irish men and women were losing their media appeal, and that dead Americans might do better. It exploded bombs and killed tourists in London, wiping millions from Britain's overseas account because Americans stayed away, in tens of thousands. Murderers fuelled with American money were inflicting less danger on visitors than drunk drivers on a Saturday night. Yet Americans believed that the West End had a bomb in every restaurant and a grenade in every pub. The tourist is no great student of probability theory. He just wants to feel good. When Mother Hysteria is calling the shots nobody looks at a risk assessment.

Such unreason is oxygen to the terrorist. Trotsky argued that the key to revolution was to manoeuvre the weapons at your disposal to convert apparent weakness into strength. Globalisation of publicity has offered the crank and the fiend a vast realm in which to market their message. In recent years this has meant hijacked planes, kidnapped students, contaminated food, hacked mainframes and corrupted computers, with the media in unrestrained support. Yet even in this high-tech age, nothing has the global appeal of the most old-fashioned weapon of terror — a picture of a blood-stained body in the street, product of a bullet or a bomb.

The tourist cannot stand aloof from this process. His is the biggest global industry, whose impact on poor countries is benign or devastating according to point of view. (The green lobby worries about Third World products, rarely about Third World services.) The tourist may be no more than a pawn in a political game, but even pawns can move and kill. The behaviour, spending pattern and sheer quantity of Middle East tourism is central to the case of Islamic conservatives against their victim regimes. They want the tourists gone.

Visitors to Egypt may deceive themselves that they are mute hedonists, mere spectators of the march of history. They should be disabused. Their money and presence fuels social change. Indeed, if pressed, they would probably agree that foreign exchange and capitalism are good for Egypt and the more of it, the sooner the better. The youthful Grand Tourist in the 18th century was injuncted not to confine his attention to art. He should enquire and learn about the political and social life of the countries through which he travelled, thus to broaden his mind. He was entering its "society" and should know what he was doing.

Ever since Thomas Cook sent travellers to Luxor in the last century, Britain has involved itself in Egyptian politics, as tourist as well as colonial power. The spectacle of Britons scuttling out of Egypt this week with fanatics at their heels was unedifying — the more so when impelled by commercial and diplomatic "advice". It was precisely what the gunmen would have wanted, and precisely what the forces of order, moderation and reform most feared.

I remember being outraged when Americans scuttled from London during the IRA bombing campaign. They were, I thought, both cowardly and irrational. They were safer in London than in any American city. America was not just financing IRA terror but dancing to its murderous tune. By the same token all lovers of Egypt should now flock to Luxor. The place is no more or less dangerous than it was last week. The odds on getting machine-gunned are infinitesimally small, and less than a hundred other risks we take each day. To join the boycott is to join the terrorist in his odious campaign. It tells him that his tactic works.

Shelley's mythical Ozymandias ruled on this same plain at Luxor, where the poet envisaged "the wrinkled lip, the sneer of cold command". Such is the murderer's machine gun. That gun is now seeking to end Europe's most recent imperial journey up the Nile. It would be a grim legacy if a boycott indeed helped turn Egypt fundamentalist, if it left at Luxor only "the decay of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare", the empty hotels and wrecked cruisers of a transient, thoughtless tourism.

Alan Coren

■ What has driven Labour to join in this whole sorry business?

Yes, of course we shall all remember where we were and what we were doing on the day the Prime Minister of Great Britain said he was sorry. How could we not? We were all eating our Sunday lunches and staring at our tableside tubes. And when he said he was sorry, all our jaws fell open, and all our forks paused in mid-air, leaving the roast beef of Old England and the poached squid of new Labour trembling alike on all our tines. Many of us will have started weeping. It is what we do, these days. Indeed, after we had recovered somewhat and blown our noses, not a few of us will have risen from the table to light a candle for him, or rummage in a nearby drawer for yellow ribbon; possibly both.

And thus, spun as we had so deftly been into quivering empathy with the pretty straight guy he had just reminded us that he was, it occurred to none of us to ask ourselves the only question he did not address. I do not blame the rest of you for not asking it, I did not ask it myself until a good hour later, when, still stifling the odd sob, I was exhuming the geraniums in my front garden and some adolescent maniac in a howling rustbucket came belting down our suburban hill at a shade under 200mph, braked for the corner, spun through 360 degrees, stalled, and then shot squealing off again, no doubt to take a second crack at suicide somewhere else. It was only then, as the reek of burnt rubber and the clunk of dangling exhaust faded on the air, that the unasked, unanswered question burst upon me: it wasn't about accepting fat donations from carcinogenically subsidised businesses, it wasn't about misleading Parliament over second similar donations, it wasn't about the iffiness of assorted insider interests with which these donations might be fraught, it wasn't about the broken electoral promises of countless wordy weasels, it was about what in God's name the Labour Party thought it was doing by getting into bed with motor racing.

Last week, in one of the myriad sidebars to the present shenanigans, the Cancer Research Campaign announced incontrovertible evidence that teenage motor racing fans smoked twice as much as their unfan peer group. No surprise there: the symbiosis between spuriously glamorous death-defying pastimes is clear enough, ask any adman, but what had particularly dismayed the CRC was that motor racing was the fastest-growing teenage spectator sport. I now invite you to join me in being even more dismayed than they are; since however grim the implications may be for the future of smoking, the implications for driving make the future grimmer yet.

Because we don't need the CRC to tell us that the young are obsessed with motor racing; we catch the sharp end of that obsession every day, cut up at roundabouts, overtaken on inside motorway lanes, tailgated on winding country ones, forced to swerve for unsigned handbrake turns or to hit our own brakes at a green light because some spotty chancer has gunned through a red; and we know exactly why they drive that way, it is because they are playing at being Villeneuve or Hill or, God help us, Schumacher, they are not going round the North Circular they are going round Hockenheim, they are not negotiating the Hangar Lane gyratory, they are negotiating the Brands Hatch chicane, and more unsettling yet, an exponentially increasing proportion of them, as a glance at the drear statistics show, are doing it in race-tuned plunder they do not have to afford because they can afford a brick for the window and a pair of pliers for the ignition, and if the Old Bill gives chase, so much the better, since the Old Bill is really Old Damon, and, oh look, we have spun off at Druid's, and, oh look now, they are turning off our life-support.

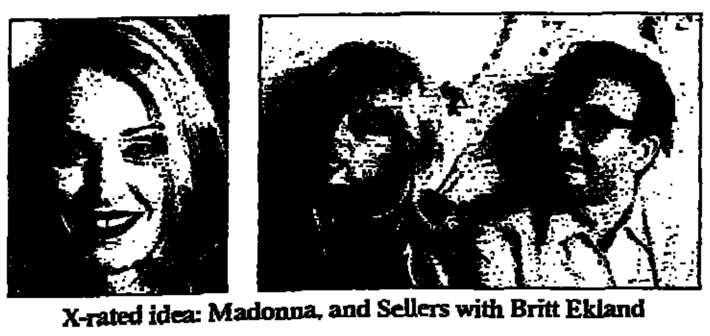
Odd, I thought the Labour Party was obsessed with cars, too. I thought it was obsessed with cutting their numbers, their size, their power, their environmental and human destruction, I thought Tony's abiding aspiration was to see us all on clockwork buses or pushbikes, I cannot recall any pledges that motor racing and all that it encourages would be passionately supported. But I'm a pretty straight guy. I'll take another shufti at the manifesto, and if I'm wrong, I shall of course apologise.

Film noir

DEAD actors are wetting the unsavoury appetite of Madonna: the chanteuse is to make a film about that much missed comic master, Peter Sellers. His surviving friends, including Lord Snowdon, are not happy. The flick will be based loosely on Roger Lewis's salacious 1994 biography, *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers*. It is an unhappy story. Worn out by drink and four unsoothing marriages to actresses Anne Howe, Britt Ekland, Miranda Quarry and Lynne Frederick, Sellers died after collapsing in the dowdy Dorchester Hotel in 1980, aged 55.

The film will be made by Madonna's company, Maverick Productions. "I loved Peter but I will not be co-operating," Snowdon tells me. "His private life is not a suitable subject for a film." Madonna will not be short of parts. She could play Ekland, or one of Seller's stable of lovers — Priscilla Presley, Mia Farrow, Liza Minelli.

If the director feels she is a little, well, senior for such roles, she could portray Seller's mother, with whom poverty forced him to share a bed until he was 16. "Madonna is very keen to meet Lewis," says a Tinseltown source. "Her producer lunched him at the Garrick. Madonna was so upset she couldn't make it." Perhaps a good reason for the Garrick staying men only.



X-rated idea: Madonna, and Sellers with Britt Ekland

THE TIMES DIARY

● *ANN WIDDECOMBE's best putdown is about to enter common usage. Channel 4 will next month broadcast an episode of a new late-night current affairs programme* Something of the Night, *hosted by that master of self abuse Will Self. The title refers to the former Home Office Minister's devastating description of her former boss Michael Howard. Naturally, Miss Widdecombe will take part.*

Smoked out

AS if smoking had not already seriously damaged the Government's health, a group of Labour MPs is attempting to ban the House of Commons's own brand of cigarettes. The twenty friends appear in a box stamped with Parliament's imprimatur. Nearly 4,000 packets a year are sold from behind the bars at Westminster. However, their sale is now to be raised with the All-Party Smoking and Health Group. But is it just a smokescreen?

De-briefed

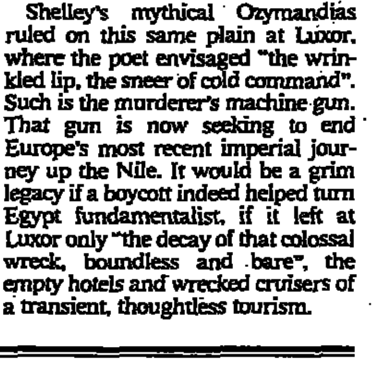
DANGEROUS, cash shortages. The once mighty Millbank Tower has been forced to suspend the "daily brief" which provides soundbites to keep confused MPs on message. "We don't have enough people in the office because they are at by-elections," says one there. Labour MPs should make the most of this unexpected intellectual freedom. It will not last. "The daily brief will be resumed as soon as possible. Occasional briefs will be communicated as appropriate," waffles a Millbank memo.

"50 years — and most of them in the past ten years"

● *FAME descended, briefly, upon Michael White,* The Guardian's *mischievous political editor, when he entered a young Labour bash sporting the name tag of Benjamin Wegg-Prosser, Peter Mandelson's influential assistant. "It was terrific," says White. "I met so many nice future Prime Ministers."*

Not kosher

A NASTY spat is brewing between Maureen Lipman and the TV critic Victor Lewis-Smith over alleged anti-Semitism. The piggy in the middle is Vanessa Feltz, a minor — if well-proportioned — TV host. After three years of aiming such subtle abuse as "fat lardbucket" and "30 chins Feltz" at the hapless presenter, LS likened her to a "Yenta" (a dim but cunning woman). Ms Lipman is furious and has traded bitter letters. "Some of the words he used were unbelievable," she says.



● *TRADE is sullying yet another noble name: Rosina, daughter of Lord Cobbold, above, is setting up a furniture firm in the garden of her parent's stately, Knebworth House, Herts. Rosina Lytton Ltd will manufacture coffee-tables, big chairs — the normal country bungalow stuff. This is not the first time the Lytton Cobbolds have put their house to commercial use. Last year, to help pay restoration costs, they opened up to the rock group Oasis and 250,000 paying guests. "I'm using one of my father's buildings as a workshop," says Rosina, 25, who will design the furniture herself. "I've renovated it in return for the first five years' rent." To that other chippy, David Linley: beware.*

JASPER GERARD

WHY ARE WE WAITING?

The Government must show radicalism now on the NHS

Frank Dobson is the St Augustine of this Government — he will keep Labour's promises on the National Health Service, *but not yet*. The Health Secretary's pledge to make waiting lists shorter is now, itself, on a waiting list, to be tackled in due course. The Department of Health has adopted a flexible approach to election commitments over the past few weeks but Mr Dobson's inability to deliver an early reduction in the numbers waiting for treatment is primarily a consequence of problems he inherited rather than created. It should be noted, however, that the decision to abolish tax relief for private health insurance taken out by the elderly has hardly reduced the demand for NHS beds. Given the pressures which Labour politicians knew the NHS faced, they may have been raising expectations too high with their campaign rhetoric but ministers have tried to be as good as the manifesto's word.

The Government may not have increased spending on the NHS by the 3 per cent health professionals demand, but expenditure has gone up by 1.9 per cent in real terms, 0.7 per cent more than the Conservatives had budgeted for. The appointment of Stephen Day to lead a Waiting List Action Team may strike the cynical as window-dressing, but the West Midlands director of the NHS has achieved striking success in reducing waiting lists in his region and the wider adoption of his proven good practice should help improve efficiency. Both the recent funding increase and any efficiency gains promoted by Mr Day will, however, only be palliative measures. The size of waiting lists is only one, albeit painful, symptom of a deeper problem with the health service which will require structural reform from the Government to correct.

An indication of how daring the Government might be will come with the publication of a White Paper on the future of the NHS, expected before Christmas. The minister responsible for the White Paper, Alan Milburn, is an imaginative moderniser committed to improving the delivery of patient care by learning appropriate lessons from service providers in the private sector. There is, however, a paradox inherent in adopting all the lessons that the private sector can teach except for the competition and choice which makes it so creative a tutor. The Government are in danger of cherry-picking rather than planting their own orchard.

Fundamental reform of the NHS will not be easy. With traditional Labour sensibilities already offended by the treatment of teachers and the prospect of welfare reform, radical change to the health service would require political courage. It cannot, however, be avoided. The NHS has been permanently on the verge of crisis since the mid-eighties and various internal efficiency improvements have not addressed the fundamental problems faced by the service. Even if the Government were prepared to countenance significant tax rises to try to meet the spiralling demand for health care they would be beyond anything the public could be expected to bear. Imposing new charges, especially for GP consultations, would only discourage early treatment and pile up problems for the future.

If ministers want to avoid an annual wrestle with the Treasury to keep waiting lists at an endurable level then they should start considering a move to some form of social, or stakeholder, insurance system which borrows the best from continental and US public sector practice and allows competition to lever down costs. The Minister for Welfare Reform, Frank Field, yesterday outlined a vision of government-supervised insurance for the costs of care which could revive the spirit of voluntarism. Frank Dobson could do worse than learn from Mr Field, who, if not a saint, is the closest the Government has to a prophet.

DIPLOMATS AND DICTATORS

Dialogue with Iraq should not dilute allied objectives

It was the day of the diplomats. Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, and Boris Yeltsin both held talks with Tareq Aziz, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, in Moscow. Meanwhile, Binyamin Netanyahu and King Hussein of Jordan met in Ascot. Further activity is proposed for the foreign ministers of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council in Geneva over the next few days. This implies a diplomatic solution is a distinct possibility.

This dialogue represents the quest for a deal under which Iraq would allow UN inspectors to re-enter its borders. The mediators have sought something to offer Saddam. It has been hinted that there might be an alteration in the inspection teams that would offset the disputed American element. The United States has indicated that, if she co-operates, Iraq might obtain a modest increase in the amount of money it is allowed to raise through oil sales to purchase food and medicines for its population. Alternatively, the range of available materials that could be bought under this scheme could be slightly extended.

Allied interest in such an arrangement is understandable. A military strike against Saddam would surely court widespread international condemnation. This would be especially true in the Middle East itself. Few countries, other than Britain and Israel, would support American action. President Clinton could not be certain that even an intense assault would ensure that Iraq relented. The prospect of prolonged strife is unwelcome in Washington. A "face-saving" formula would be exceptionally convenient.

There is, though, a thin line between allowing Iraq to retreat and the risk of outright appeasement. The danger is that the United States will end up in *de facto* negotiations with the Iraqi leader. At the outset of this crisis the United Nations made it clear that the Security Council not Saddam Hussein would determine who carried out its inspections. This question was separate from the rules surrounding oil sales. That was and remains the right position on this issue. The Russians would link the two and, in Mr Primakov's words, show that there is "light at the end of the tunnel" on sanctions.

A bargain on these terms will be viewed as an important victory by Baghdad. Iraq will have eased its economic plight and obtained an invaluable three-week space in which to hide evidence of its biological and chemical arsenal. The United States and Britain will have lost their ability to shape allied strategy. The UN inspectors will have been rendered less effective. Saddam will foresee a time when sanctions are lifted despite his military ambitions. Furthermore, he will reach the conclusion that aggressive moves on his behalf are the best means of moving that moment closer. Conflict postponed at this point will lead to confrontation later.

The United States must entertain extreme caution before it makes such concessions. It is true that a showdown with Iraq would cause enormous diplomatic difficulties. However, if Mr Clinton thinks that he cannot strike Iraq at any time when the United States is unpopular in the Middle East then he might as well remove his armed forces entirely. The sole relevant criterion is whether Iraq is in compliance with its legal commitments. If it is, the end of sanctions will come automatically. If not, isolation and inspection should continue. The material declassified by the Foreign Office yesterday shows that Saddam can produce chemical and biological weapons very quickly. The US and Britain cannot dilute their original objectives. It will soon be clear if there is to be a day of the dictator.

ONCE MORE WITH PAPER BAG

Audience participation comes to the *1812 Overture*

Drips of water can bore a hole in stone. So enough paper bags burst simultaneously could simulate the discharge of a cannon. On Sunday the audience at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, is being asked to test this proposition. Because of the expense of securing cannon for the performance of the *1812 Overture*, each member of the audience is being given paper bags to burst at the appropriate downbeats of the baton.

Tchaikovsky, that tortured genius, might have disapproved of this rescoring of his most popular work. But he hated its vulgar noisiness anyway. And the class of instruments that can be used to make music is open-ended, especially in the kitchen of the orchestra. The toy symphonies of the 18th century introduced warblers and tweeters. Gerald Hoffnung, the Heath Robinson of music, composed pieces for hosepipe and vacuum cleaner. Benjamin Britten scored *Let's make an Opera* for nursery sounds such as tinkling teacups.

Such novel instrumentation can create novel musical problems. Matteo Fargian's chamber music for cardboard box caused critical debate about which supermarket provided the most musical box. And audience participation takes control away from the maestro with the baton. John Cage's *4.33* was regarded by the composer as his most significant work. The performers sit silently on the concert platform. The music is whatever noise comes from the audience and from outside the concert hall. The same composer's *0.00* is less problematic, since it can be performed by anyone in any way, and can be said not to exist.

This latest experiment with audience playing the music will be puffed with breathless interest. But audiences should probably be kept in their place — which is, of course, coughing and unwrapping toffees during the musical noises, and making their own loud noises at the end. To test the acoustics at the new Bayreuth theatre, local soldiers were brought in to squat on the floor. Wagner described them as his ideal audience. First, they were all in their places before the music began. Secondly, they did not talk or fidget while it was being played. And thirdly, when it was over, they made no pretence of having understood anything of what they had seen or heard and so sensibly refrained from airing their opinions about it.

After the paper bangs, the next performance of the *1812 Overture* at the Bridgewater Hall comes on December 2. The performers will be the combined bands of the Royal Marines, the Hungarian National Guard, and the Royal Swedish Navy. At least they should have the equipment to revert to Tchaikovsky's original score, without counting on the audience for their pops.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Political propriety put in proportion

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, Shall we ever come to our collective senses on the subjects of sleaze and adultery in public life? The record of the last half-century is not encouraging.

Once upon a time there was a minor conman named Sidney Stanley, who persuaded a decent but unsophisticated junior minister to accept some small gifts, a transaction from which Stanley derived no perceptible benefits. The reports of the inquiry which followed filled the pages of the popular press for days, and the Attlee Government never recovered its reputation for moral integrity.

Later, Harold Macmillan's able minister, John Profumo, with a beautiful and talented wife to whom he was clearly devoted, chose not to admit to a passing affair with a girl named Christine Keeler. The Government fell in consequence.

More recently one or two Conservative MPs decided to augment their incomes by asking questions of minimal interest to the nation at large. The outcome of this was that the Conservative defeat at the next election was transformed into a rout.

Now we are back on track with tobacco advertising and motor racing.

Clearly standards in public life must be maintained, and in this country they are, happily, exceptionally high. But, as we are unlikely to have a government whose members are all teetotal eunuchs with inexpensive tastes, there will continue to be lapses. Can we not attach proper proportions to them?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Richard Fawls

Sir, Not the least unsatisfactory aspect of the Ecclestone affair is that when the Prime Minister finally felt compelled to give some explanation he did so in a television interview rather than to Parliament.

Nothing, I believe, could demonstrate more clearly the contempt with which recent governments in this country increasingly regard democratic institutions, whatever they may say to the contrary.

Let us hope that the House of Commons, and in particular backbenchers on the Government side, take steps to assert the rights which Parliament has on behalf of the people.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Ben Tominey

Sir, Professor Tony Eccles (letter, November 14) suggests that the number of UK jobs at risk in Formula One is "close to zero". Having been a motor-racing fan (and smoker) for many years, I found the suggestion almost comical.

Should Formula One be forced out of this country, it would have a very serious effect, not only on the jobs within the motor-racing industry itself, but also on the towns surrounding our tracks, which rely on the people that come to the races to survive.

Motor racing in this country is a major source of income. Should racing be forced out I see no reason why the manufacturing firms should stay in Britain, when they could set up in the Far East and race there permanently.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Alvin D. Stockmarr

Sir, Mr Blair should invest some of the £1.7 billion which smoking costs the NHS (report, today) on anti-smoking advertising to replace that of the existing tobacco advertisers. This can be done on a tapering basis, reducing to zero after, say, five years.

Mr Bernie Ecclestone will then have time to find alternative sponsors to pick up his end of the taper. At the same time he can save the alleged 50,000 jobs at risk and savour the satisfaction that he is preventing a large number of people, young and old, from the damage to health which smoking causes.

And the Government can sign up to the EU directive. Really, not such a hard choice.

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Legal aid for infants and mentally ill

From Miss Jean H. Ritchie, QC

Sir, In his interview with Frances Gibb (November 7) the Lord Chancellor states that in medical negligence cases where a child has been brain damaged a claim should only be brought if the case has a 75 per cent chance of success — and then on a "no win, no fee" basis. In this way, he claims, parents will avoid the "agony" of litigation.

As a practitioner in the field of medical negligence I consider such a view to be seriously flawed. Brain damage causes cerebral palsy in the form of physical handicap and sometimes mental handicap too. The severity of the cerebral palsy varies between the very mild and the extremely serious, where the child cannot move, cannot speak and remains a baby trapped in a growing body.

The medical profession's view is that only 10 per cent of cerebral palsy cases are caused by doctors' negligence. Expert investigation is therefore essential in every case, frequently requiring reports from consultants in obstetrics, paediatrics, paediatric neurology and neuroradiology.

Under the Lord Chancellor's proposals a child, however badly damaged, will no longer have a right to legal aid for that investigation to be carried out. A solicitor and a barrister will have to do a considerable amount of work for no fee at all before they can even assess the chances of success; they will also have to pay the fees of the experts consulted. How many cases, in commercial reality, will then be investigated, let alone taken to court?

The Lord Chancellor's proposals will mean that many, if not most, deserving cases will not be pursued. Is that really what a compassionate society wants? I cannot believe that a Labour Government will lend itself to these proposals.

Yours faithfully,
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November 10.

From Dr Maurice Lipsedge and Ms Magi Young

Sir, We are dismayed by the Government's proposals to withdraw legal aid from people who have been assaulted or falsely imprisoned by the police or who have received negligent or abusive treatment from our psychiatric services.

The victims of these wrongs are usually the most vulnerable in our society. They can rarely afford to pay for legal advice. They could not afford the premiums for the legal insurance necessary for conditional-fee agreements. Indeed, of the very few insurance policies available, one specifically excludes cases involving psychiatric treatment.

We urge the Government to be aware of the serious civil liberties implications of denying access to justice to these groups. If the reforms proceed we will return to a society in which those who abuse their power or who exercise it incompetently will be unaccountable for their actions.

Yours faithfully,
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Berlin and Goldsmith

From Mr Frank Giles

Sir, My old friend and colleague William Rees-Mogg has attempted to compare the late Sir Isaiah Berlin with the late Sir James Goldsmith ("Two men with their hearts in history", November 17).

There is obviously room in all societies for men of reflection and men of action. But to discuss in the same breath these two men reveals a seriously defective sense of proportion. Comparisons, according to Shakespeare, are odorous. Though the dictionary defines this as sweet-smelling, I find this one just the opposite.

Yours truly,
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November 18.

From Mr Richard Ingrams

Sir, Used as I am to Lord Rees-Mogg's eccentric views, I cannot allow his equation of Sir Isaiah Berlin with Sir James Goldsmith to go unchallenged.

Like Rees-Mogg, I knew Isaiah Berlin; and although I never personally met Goldsmith I had reason to make a close study of him over many years. Berlin was an immensely learned, cultured, witty liberal who enriched the lives of many (including myself) with his insights into the history of philosophy.

Goldsmith, who was semi-educated and totally lacking in cultural interests, enriched only himself and his families by devoting his life to making money. Such ideas as he had were half-baked and invariably at odds with his own actions. It would be hard to find anyone who had less in common with Isaiah Berlin.

I am sure Isaiah could have provided many examples from history of powerful, charismatic individuals who attracted unthinking adulation from intellectuals and journalists who should have known better.

Yours,
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Toxic pesticides

From Dr Peter Brand, MP for the Isle of Wight (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, The findings by Dr Robert Davies on the use of toxic pesticides during the Gulf War (report, November 17) will be welcomed by the many in this country who believe they are victims of illness caused by exposure to organophosphates or other pesticides.

In a 1995 study by the Institute of Occupational Health, "significant differences" between workers exposed to organophosphate sheep-dip and control workers were apparent on three neuropsychological tests. This new study adds to a growing body of research which suggests that organophosphate exposure can cause psychiatric and physiological illness.

I believe that the Government should make accidental exposure to pesticides a notifiable event: in this way a complete collection of evidence for this distressing set of conditions can be built up.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BRAND,
House of Commons.
November 17.

From Mr Llew Smith, MP for Blaenau Gwent (Labour)

Sir, I am concerned that the ultimate responsibility for the failure of the MoD to release information on the use of organophosphate pesticides during the Gulf War seems to be being shifted on to departmental civil servants, away from former ministers (report, October 29).

On March 4 this year, Nicholas Soames, the then Armed Forces Minister, declined my request for the publication in the then forthcoming official report of corrections to each of the five inaccurate replies on the subject given in Parliament over the previous three years.

The latest statement, and the release to Parliament of further information by John Reid, Mr Soames's successor, suggest that I was right to persist in my request.

At the end of the defence debate on February 1, 1996, Mr Soames chose gratuitously to describe me as "completely barking" rather than address the serious points I had raised. Time has shown that I was indeed barking — up the right tree.

Rather than let civil servants carry the can, the present Government should ensure that the errors of past Conservative ministers are made plain.

A deserved outcome of this sad saga would be if Gulf War veterans are now properly compensated for their illnesses.

Yours sincerely,
LLEW SMITH,
House of Commons.
November 17.

Old wine, new bottles

From Mr Dave Jarvie

Sir, Thank you for Robin Young and Jane MacQuitty's splendid Naff Wine Guide, "Brands that fail the taste test" (November 15).

How lovely to remember the wines that we loved so dearly in our youth. Just getting familiar with them was the first rung on the learning curve.

I recently tried to express to a local wine appreciation class how necessary it was then to impress the opposite sex with the ability to order wine confidently in a restaurant and how, no matter what wine was ordered, invariably it came up tasting "chemical", "oxidised", "acidic", "sulphury" and "gross" — in fact, very much as MacQuitty and Young recorded.

It's good to see that some things don't change.

Yours faithfully,
DAVE JARVIE
(Founder, DJ's Wine Club),
35 Woodland Way,
Woodford Green, Essex.
November 17.

Students' benefits

From Mrs Anne Ruff

Sir, Students on a full-time course at the Inns of Court School of Law who are exploiting a loophole in benefits regulations should perhaps be congratulated, as future barristers, for highlighting the present ambiguity of what is a "full-time course" (report, October 30; letter, November 8).

There is no general definition of a "full-time course" in the social security regulations; each case is considered on its merits. In my experience, universities do not expect full-time students to attend classes for more than nine hours a week.

The Government's proposals to reduce public funding to higher education students may well encourage more students to look to the social security system as an alternative source of finance.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE RUFF
(Principal Lecturer in Law),
Middlesex University,
The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4,
a.ruff@mdx.ac.uk

Museums as 'perk for middle classes'

From Mr A. M. T. Maxwell-Irving

Sir, There is evidence to be found in Italy to contradict Magnus Linklater's view (November 13) of the deterrent effect of museum charges there. In Florence, where the Uffizi, the Pitti Palace and the Accademia all make a charge of 12,000 lire (about £4.50), there are nearly always long queues at the ticket offices: that at the Uffizi commonly extends for a quarter of mile or more along the banks of the Arno.

The annual takings from these three museums alone has been estimated to exceed £10 million a year, which goes a long way towards administering and conserving their priceless treasures. If the collections are worth seeing, the public will always pay.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. T. MAXWELL-IRVING,
Telford House,
Blairlogie, Stirling.
November 13.

From the Chairman of the Association of Independent Museums

Sir, The Department of Culture's apparent U-turn on admission charges (report, "Free museums 'are perk for middle classes'", November 12) was predictable, and is welcome. There is no such thing as a free museum — not even in the unlikely event that museum directors and curators were to offer their services in full as volunteers.

In whatever concessionary or rigorous form admission charges may be applied, they do generate a valuable contribution to museum operating costs. Even more important, they increase visitor expectations and usefully sharpen the collective museum view of its public-service purpose.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN BRYANT,
Chairman, Association of
Independent Museums,
Mill Meadows,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
November 12.

From Dr Michael Rasburn

Sir, What Orwellian logic, to claim that one *has* to charge for museum entry so that the poor (via taxes) do not subsidise the rich. The only problem is that some of those taxes already go to assist the museums.

Actually, if the museums were to charge enough they could keep out the nasty middle classes as well, leaving the field of appreciation back where it belongs (perhaps they might argue) with the seriously wealthy. A bit like grand opera!

Yours,
M. RASBURN,
Pleasant Villa,
Heapham, Lincolnshire.
November 14.

From Mr Kevin McGrath

Sir, Surely if museums were to become more like Marks & Spencer and Harvey Nichols, as the Arts Minister is reported as suggesting, the first thing they would do would be to abolish admission charges.

As for the implication that there is something inappropriate about people using museums as rendezvous points, how does this differ from the way they use shops, parks, railway stations and public places generally? They have even been known to go to Trafalgar Square without having, as their primary purpose, to stare at Nelson's column.

Yours truly,
KEVIN McGRATH,
122 Herons Wood, Harlow, Essex.
November 13.

Choc horror

From Mr Leslie Gilmore

Sir, Sir Hans Sloane may have concocted milk chocolate and played a major role in founding the British Museum (letter, November 13) but, gad Sir, an Englishman he was not!

Like so many of those who made innumerable contributions to every facet of British life, Sir Hans was an Ulster-Scot, born in Killyleagh, Co Down.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE GILMORE,
71 Kirkliston Park, Belfast.
November 18.

One of those jobs

From Mrs J. A. Temple

Sir, Let us hope that Mr Ernie Preston (letter, November 13) has had the good sense to store his blackout blinds — certain insurance against ever requiring them again.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER TEMPLE,
Winwick Manor,
Winwick, Northampton.
November 13.

From Mr Peter Wynne Davies

Sir, Taking down blackout blinds may be embarrassing enough; but developing wedding pictures after the subsequent divorce, as I once did, is perhaps even more so.

Yours etc,
PETER WYNNE DAVIES,
93 Bedford Road, N2.
peterwd@btinternet.com
November 17.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 19: The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this morning received a cheque on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from employees of Tesco.

His Royal Highness, Senior Fellow, afterwards presented the Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert Award at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2.

His Royal Highness later opened J.H. Allen and Company Limited's bookshop, 4 Lower Grosvenor Place, London SW1.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this evening attended a Patron's Company Dinner at St James's Palace.

The Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon upon the Arrival of The King of Sweden and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of The Queen.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs Christian Adams as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 18: The Princess Royal, President, this morning visited the Save the Children Fund shop, 55 London Road, Stockton Heath, and was received by the Viscount Ashbrook (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire).

Her Royal Highness, President of Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon attended a training course at the National Tenants Resource Centre, Trafford Hall, Ince Lane, Wimbolds Trafford, near Chester.

The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later visited the Vale Royal Carers Centre, Handy Jack DIY Superstore, Leicester Street, Northwich, Cheshire.

Her Royal Highness, Royal Master of the Bench, the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, this evening attended a Dinner at the Inner Temple, London EC4.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 18: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 18: The Prince of Wales this evening attended the Royal Film Performance of *Titanic* in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square, London WC2.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 18: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the London Playing Fields Society, today received Mr Peter Nathan upon relinquishing his appointment as Chairman and Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness this afternoon open the new Music and Administration Building, Christ Church School, Warnham Road, North Finchley, London N12.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at a Dinner given by The King and Queen of Sweden at the Swedish Embassy, Portland Place, London W1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 18: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, United Kingdom Committee for United Nations International Children's Fund, this morning presented the Champion Children Awards at the London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London W1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 18: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon opened the new Library and Learning Resource Centre of the Central School of Speech and Drama in Eton Avenue, London NW3.

Birthdays today

Lady Davina Windsor celebrates her 20th birthday today.

Mr R.S. Baldock, High Master, St Paul's School, 53; M Raymond Blanc, chef and restaurateur, 48; Dr Michael Brindle, president, Royal College of Radiologists, 63; Lord Falconer of Thoroton, QC, 46; Mr C.J. Farrow, chief executive, Merseyside Development Corp, 50; Miss Maeve Fort, diplomat, 57; Miss Jodie Foster, actress, 35; Miss Kathleen Halpin, former chief administrator, WRVS Regions, 94; Baroness Jeger, 82; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, KG, 77; the Earl of Lindsay, 42; Mr David Lloyd-Jones, conductor, 63; Mr Ian Mills, chairman, North Thames Regional NHS Trust, 62; Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, 85; Miss Meg Ryan, actress, 36; Dr Robert C. Smith, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University, 62; the Ven Michael Till, Dean of Winchester, 62; Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, former President, Royal College of Physicians, 73.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a luncheon at Guildhall at 12.30 hosted by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and they will attend a gala concert at the Festival Hall at 6.45. Other members of the Royal Family will be present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, will chair a meeting of the trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace at 10.

The Prince of Wales will attend a reception for the launch of the McCarthy Foundation's Bobby Appeal at St James's Palace at 12.30.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Engineering Council, will attend the annual conference of the Institution of Civil Engineers at Great George Street, London SW1, at 9.05am.

TONY LARKIN

The three class-winning authors of this year's Smartie Book Prize awards at London Zoo yesterday with the children's television presenter Tony Anstis and Max the Eagle owl. From left: J.K. Rowling (*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, 9 to 11), Jenny Nimmo (*The Owl Tree*, 6 to 8), and Charlotte Voake (*Ginger*, under-5)

Award for founders of helpline

THE co-founders of the National Missing Persons Helpline, Mary Asprey and Janet Newman, yesterday won the United Kingdom Woman of Europe Award sponsored by the European Movement.

The award, shared by two women for the first time in its ten-year history, is intended to reward voluntary contributions by women to European integration. Over the past years Ms Asprey and Ms Newman have worked to extend their helpline to the Continent so that they can now track down missing people across the European Union.

They work closely with the EU and Interpol, making the helpline a source of information for Europe-wide investigations into drug rings, murders and other crimes.

Their award was presented by the television reporter Kate Adie at the House of Commons. Other nominees were: Mary Baker, honorary president of the European Parkinson's Disease Society, who helped set up the European arm of the Parkinson's Disease Society; Janine Fitzpatrick, Scottish winner of the Council of Europe European Schools Day Award, who has campaigned for racial equality across the EU; Professor Jean Golding, professor of paediatric and perinatal epidemiology at Bristol University, who has studied the effect of environment on children's health in Europe; and Bronagh Hinds, director of the Ulster People's College, who helped to found the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition.

Past winners have included the human rights lawyer Helena Kennedy, QC, and Juliet Lodge, professor of European politics at Leeds University.

New chronicle of ancient sunlight dates Grecian age

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

A NOVEL method of dating ancient buildings, developed in Edinburgh, has received important support from work in Bordeaux on one of the most famous temples of Classical Greece.

Using the principles of thermoluminescence (TL), the Temple of Apollo at Delphi has been dated to a period that includes its known date of construction of 550 BC.

The TL method, originally developed for distinguishing ancient from modern pottery, depends on the accumulation of electrons in light-sensitive "traps" in crystals; heating above a threshold temperature empties the traps, and fresh electrons, derived from radioactive trace elements such as uranium in the parent material, then refill them. Since the rate of decay of such elements is known, measurement of the accumulated electrons by heating a sample in the laboratory gives the date when accumulation resumed.

The method has also been applied to sediments exposed to light, which it was found "bleached out" the electrons in a similar way, and then buried so that they received no further exposure. Dr Ioannis Liritzis and Dr Robert Galloway at Edinburgh University then extended the idea to the cut surfaces of ancient masonry, where blocks were set closely together and sometimes sealed by mortar. Experiment showed that as little as 24 hours' exposure to ancient sunlight was sufficient to bleach electrons from calcite crystals in limestone masonry.

Dr Liritzis, now at the Academy of Athens, and his colleagues applied the method to two small pyramids in the Peloponnese, producing surprising dates in the mid-third millennium BC which created controversy (*The Times*, August 1, 1997). Now, with the aid of a new team at the Université de Bordeaux III in Talence, he has confuted critics by successfully dating the Temple of Apollo to its previously known age.

Writing in the journal *Geoarchaeology*, Dr Liritzis' team detail the new control methods devised to determine the pre-classical residual TL of the limestone, and then the "archaeological dose" of electrons accumulated since the temple's blocks were cut in the sixth century BC. "The obtained TL age of 420 BC, plus or minus 300 years is compatible, within the margin of error, with the known archaeological age," they say.

"Although the present errors are large with respect to archaeological precision, this accuracy is still extremely useful for differentiating between periods of construction that are far apart, or revising established views based on typology of finds or masonry of the structure".

Dr Liritzis has also received encouragement from two other sites, where he has obtained samples from cut masonry surfaces sealed by close juxtaposition or mortar: at Amfissa in Greece a Classical fortification wall of the 5th or 4th century BC was TL-dated to 450 BC plus or minus 200 years, and one of the Bronze Age walls by Mycenae, with an archaeological estimate of 1280 BC, was dated to 1110 BC, plus or minus 340 years.

The chronicles of written history are limited; radiocarbon dating cannot be used on stone. This newly developed chronicle of ancient sunlight may well illuminate unexpected corners of the past.

Source: *Geoarchaeology* 12, No 5: 479-496.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Stephen Earley, Curate, Stroud Holy Trinity (Gloucester), to be Associate Minister, Leckhampton St Philip and St James with Cheltenham St James, with responsibility for St Christopher's, Warden Hill (same diocese).

The Rev Michael Foster, Vicar, Lydbrook (Gloucester), to be Rector, Winterton, Horsey, East and West Somerton and Hemsby (same diocese).

The Rev Nigel Genders, Curate, Cockfosters Christ Church (London), to be Priest-in-Charge, Eastry and Tilmanstone (Canterbury).

The Rev Paul Ginever, Priest-in-Charge, Malvern Christ Church (Worcester), to be Vicar, Hayling South St Mary (Portsmouth).

The Rev Jonathan Gordon, Team Vicar, Stoke-upon-Trent (Lichfield), to be Chaplain, Southampton Institute of Higher Education.

The Rev Keith Hawkes, Rector, Little Barningham, Blickling, Edgefield, Itteringham w Mannington, Oulton w Irmingland, Saxthorpe w Corpusty, and Wickmere w Wolterton (Norwich), to be Chaplain to th Bishop of Norwich.

The Rev Di Hervey, Assistant Chaplain, University of St Andrew's, and NSM Central Fife Team, to be Associate Rector, Ulverston (Carlisle).

The Rev Michael Holdsworth, Curate, Cannock (Lichfield), to be Team Vicar, Lower Manor, and Director, Ripon College Cuddesdon Sheffield Programme.

Dinners

Viscount Dunrossil
The Premier of Bermuda was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Bermuda Society held last night at the House of Lords. Viscount Dunrossil was the host.

The Pilgrims
The American Ambassador, Mr Philip Lader, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a dinner given by The Pilgrims last night at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, president, welcomed Mr Lader. Mr Robert Worcester, chairman, also spoke. Among others present were:

Mrs Lader, Viscount and Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein, the Right Rev R D Say, Lady Carrington, Lord Hacking, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lady Reigate, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, the Hon Hugh and Mrs Astor, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Barry and Mrs McFadzean, the Hon Lady de Zulueta.

Sir Cecil and Lady Burney, Sir James and Lady Harvie-Watt, Sir Antony and Lady Acland, Sir Stephen Barrett, Sir William and Lady Benyon, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Sir Alan and Lady Dawtry, Sir Christopher and Lady French, Sir Philip and Lady Goodhart, Sir Brian Goswell, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Leigh, Sir Michael Marshall, Sir Peter and Lady Marshall, Sir Idris Pearce, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Barry and Lady Sheen, Sir William van Straubenzee, Sir Oliver and Lady Wright, Mr Charles Anson, Mr and Mrs Peter Barton, Mr Robin Berrington, Mr Robert A Bradtke, Mr John Fingleton, Mr and Mrs Anthony Hyde, Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, Mr and Mrs J Watcyn Lewis, Major-General and Mrs G H Mills, Mr and Mrs Giles Shepard, Mr and Mrs Robert L Sigmon, and Mrs Robert M Worcester.

Reception

British Maritime Charitable Foundation
Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Honorary President of the British Maritime Charitable Foundation, presented the 1997 Desmond Wettern Maritime Media Award at a reception held yesterday on board *HMY Britannia* to Mr Michael Grey, Editor of *Lloyds List International*. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal was the host. The Award sponsors, including *The Daily Telegraph*, senior naval officers and members of the media and the maritime industries were among those present.

Lecture

ISVA/Hamptons International
Sir John Hall, Chairman of Newcastle Football Club, delivered the Hamptons Lecture yesterday at the ISVA, The Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, in conjunction with Hamptons International. The title of the Lecture was "Sport and Leisure in Regional Regeneration".

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. Biswas
and Miss S.A.S. Rogers
The engagement is announced between Sanjoy, son of Dr and Mrs B. Biswas, of Calcutta, and Siobhan, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J.S. Rogers, of Pampisford, Cambridge.

Mr T.F.G. Clarke
and Miss B.A.M. Cunningham
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr John Clarke and Mrs Ann Clarke, both formerly of Haselbury Plucknett, Somerset, and Bridget, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cunningham, of Salthill, Galway.

Mr R. Cliff
and Miss J.A. Radcliffe
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Cliff, of Aberford, Yorkshire, and Jacqueline Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Radcliffe, of Epperstone, Nottinghamshire.

Mr G.E. Jessel
and Miss D.I.V. Naish
The engagement is announced between George, elder son of Sir Charles Jessel, Bt, and the late Lady Jessel, of Hastingleigh, Kent, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Captain A.I.B. Naish, CBE, RN, and Mrs Naish, of Ditteridge, Wiltshire.

Mr G.G.O. Osborne
and the Hon Frances Howell
The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Sir Peter Osborne, Bt, and Lady Osborne, and Frances, daughter of Lord and Lady Howell of Guildford.

Mr F.M.E. Shippam
and Miss C.J. Davies
The engagement is announced between Frank, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Shippam, of Heydon, Norfolk, and Christine, daughter of Mr John Davies, of Liverpool, and Mrs Jennifer Davies, of Meols, Wirral.

Mr G.R. Starbuck
and Miss F.E. Skelston
The engagement is announced between Gareth Robert, son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Starbuck, of Trowell, Nottinghamshire, and Fiona Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Skelston, of Stanton-by-Dale, Derbyshire.

Marriage

Mr R.C. Wilson
and Miss J.I. Alexander
The marriage took place on Saturday, in Finchley, North London, of Mr Richard Carver Wilson, son of Mr Moses Wilson and the late Mrs Ada Wilson, of Guyana, South America, to Miss Juliet Alexander, daughter of Mr George Alexander and the late Mrs Joyce Alexander, also of Guyana, South America.

Latest wills

Sydney Charles Ellis, of Wedmore, Somerset, left estate valued at £2,163,891 net.

Mary Ellen Schettler, of Leeds, left estate valued at £1,555,949 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Charles I, reigned 1625-49, Dunfermline, 1600; Eustache Le Sueur, painter, 1616; Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1770; Vicomte Ferdinand de Lesseps, promoter of the Suez Canal, Versailles, 1805; James Garfield, 20th American President 1881, Orange, Ohio, 1831; Anton Walbrook, Austrian actor, 1900; Tommy Dorsey, trombonist and bandleader, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, 1905; Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India 1966-77 and 1980-84, Allahabad, 1917.

DEATHS: Nicolas Poussin, painter, Rome, 1665; Thomas Shadwell, dramatist, London, 1692; Theobold Wolfe Tone, Irish patriot, committed suicide, Dublin, 1798; Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, architect, Paris, 1806; Franz Schubert, composer, Vienna, 1828; Fitz-Greene Halleck, poet, Guilford, Connecticut, 1867; Sir William Siemens, metallurgist, London, 1883; Edward Tolman, psychologist, Berkeley, California, 1959; Elizabeth Taylor, novelist, 1975; Sir Basil Spence, architect, Eye, Suffolk, 1976.

Lord Tennyson became Poet Laureate, 1850.

President Lincoln delivered a speech at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, saying "... government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth", 1863.

Blackfriars Bridge across the Thames was opened for carriages, 1769.

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BIRTHS

AL-MEHAIRBI - On November 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Heya and Mohammed, a daughter, Fatama, a sister for Noura and Sultan.

ASPREY - On November 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Lucinda (née Kinnell) and William, a daughter, Annabel Rachel, a sister for Emily.

BUNNING - On November 11th at Gloucester Royal Hospital, to Michael and Helen, a beautiful daughter, Megan Rose.

CARTER - On 5th November, to Mary Ellen (née Corcoran) and Jonathan, a son, Andrew Charles, a brother for William.

DICKIE - On November 12th, to Alison (née Hammett) and Paul, a son, James William John.

GREENLEY - On 13th November 1997, to Vicky (née Atkins) and Simon, a son, James George Oliver.

GRIFFIN - On 17th November 1997 at The Lindo Wing, to Shelley and Philip, a daughter, Liberty Teal, a sister to Simone and Dylan.

HUGHES - On November 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Lorna and Grant, a son, Daniel Grant, to the delight of his proud parents.

KIRKETERP - On November 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Eva Steen Christensen and John Kirketerp Jensen, a daughter, Sofia Emma.

MOURA - Celebrating the birth of their special daughter, Sofia Amalia, on 16th November 1997, Alison (née Heys) and Robert thank the staff of the IVF team at the Lister Hospital and the midwives at Newham General Hospital.

POWERS - On November 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Emilie and Richard, a son, William, a brother for Caroline.

BIRTHS

QUENUM - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra Wolf and Philippe Quenum, a son, Noah, a brother for Zak.

SUMMERFIELD - On November 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Paul and Lisa, a beautiful daughter, Grace Lily.

VILLIERS-SMITH - On November 8th 1997, to Susan (née Hughes) and Rupert, a son, Alexander Odling.

WHITLEY - On November 17th, to Tara (née Chichester-Clark) and Edward, a son, James Edward Dawson.

DEATHS

BOVELL - G.H.I. (Jack) on 17th November 1997. Peacefully in the loving care of Crispins N/H Farnham, aged 79 years, dearly loved husband of Sheila, dearest father of Jane and Virginia, loving grandfather of Rosanna, Patrick and Danny. Private cremation. Funeral Service at St Nicolas Church, Guildford, Monday 24th November 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please; donations if desired to the RNIB c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY. Tel: (01483) 567333.

DARRINGTON - Yvonne (née Lepper) at Kent & Sussex Hospital on 16th November 1997, beloved wife of Geoff. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to League of Friends Edenbridge Hospital, c/o Funeral Directors S. Smith & Sons, 127 Lingfield Road, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 5DY, (01732) 862117.

FRINK - Jean Kathleen peacefully at her home in Dorset. Mother of Tim and the late Dame Elisabeth Frink C.H., R.A. She was a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Time and date of service to be announced later.

DEATHS

HASZLAKIEWICZ - On 17th November, Jane (St.Clair Roberts) aged 45. Beloved wife of Mark and mother of Georgina, Ian and Alasdair; much loved and loving daughter of David and Betsy and devoted sister of John. A service of thanksgiving will take place at St Peter's Church, Goodworth Clatford on 27th November at 2 pm.

HOWARD - On November 17th Edward William Eliot aged 23 died in Lincoln, beloved son of David and Rosalind and brother of Tamsyn of Gulval, Cornwall. Private funeral service. Service of Thanksgiving at Gulval Parish Church on Friday 28th November at 2.30 pm. Donations to R.N.L.I. and Gulval Parish Church.

JACOMB-HOOD - On November 16th Patience (née Allsop), beloved wife of the late John and much loved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Thanksgiving Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Friday November 28th at 3 pm. No flowers please.

LAMBERT - Jean (Jill) Isobel died peacefully on November 16th, aged 92, at Ilsom House, Tetbury, Glos. Beloved wife of the late Roger Tuke Lambert. Funeral on Saturday 22nd November at 2 pm at Ss Peter & Paul Church, Peasmarsh, Rye. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, payable to the Kenya Society may be sent c/o J. Pezigoe & Son, The Dukа, Beckley, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 6RR. Tel: (01797) 260316.

McCARTHY - John Francis of Styvechale, Coventry on Friday November 14th 1997. Much loved husband of Ivy, father of David and grandfather to Gavin and Nicholas. Reception into St Thomas More's R.C. Church, Watercall Avenue, Styvechale on Thursday November 20th at 7.25 pm. Requiem Mass on Friday 11am followed by cremation at Canley Crematorium, Cannon Hill Chapel. Family flowers only, but donations if wished made payable to CAFOD c/o Grimmett & Timms Funeral Directors, 118 Albany Road, Earlsdon, Coventry CV6 9NG, tel: 01203 674746.

McGUINNESS - On Monday 17th November 1997, John Anthony. Suddenly after a very short illness at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. Fortified by the Rites of the Catholic Church. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Sadly missed by his relatives and many friends. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Friday 21st November at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Norton Road, Hove. All enquiries to Attree & Kent Ltd., 108 Church Road, Hove. Tel: 01273 821985.

MORRISH - On November 16th John (formerly of The Barbican, London). Enquiries to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, Holt, Norfolk. Tel: (01263) 711992.

PAUL - On November 15th 1997 suddenly and peacefully, Cathie. Adored mother of Elizabeth, Margaret, Kiran and Camilla, and much loved companion of Michael. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium, 10.30 am, Friday 21st November 1997. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, tel: 937 0757-0372.

PETRIE - On 16th November, Adrienne Johanna, aged 101, Holder of the Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau, widow of James and dear mother of Joan and the late Alison. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday, 24th November at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only.

PHIPPS - Joan, I.S.O. In hospital after a short illness on 16th November. Beloved wife of the late David, dearly loved by all who knew her. 'Her Cabin'd' ample spirit, It flutter'd and fail'd for breath'. Funeral Service at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, at 12.30 pm on Tuesday November 25th, 1997. Family flowers only preferred. Donations to Diabetic Association, c/o Blake & Horlock, 27 Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3EF.

QUIRK - John Kenneth suddenly on 13th November 1997, husband of Barbara, formerly of Amersham and Wendover. Service at St Andrew's Church, Chorleywood, 24th November. All enquiries to James Peddle Ltd., tel: (01923) 772013.

RUTHERFORD - Vanna on 14th November aged 86 years, peacefully at Pirton Hall Nursing Home, near Hitchin, after a short illness. Formerly of Guildford. Widow of Colin and much loved mother of Tessa. Will be greatly missed. Funeral at the Watts Cemetery, Compton, at 11.30 am on Friday 21st November.

SAVILLE - George Walton of Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, beloved husband of the late Eva, passed away peacefully at home on 16th November. He will be sadly missed by sister Maud and family. Funeral Service at St Catharine's Church, Houghton-on-the-Hill, on Friday 21st November at 2.30 pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to LOROS or Imperial Cancer Research c/o A.J. Adkinson & Son Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Oadby, Leics, LE2 5DG. tel: (0116) 2712340.

SHAW - Margaret Louise (née Stoneham). Died peacefully on November 17th at HRH Princess Christian's Hospital, Windsor. Beloved wife of John, mother of Nicholas, Simon, Jimmy and Alex. Formerly of South Knighton, Devon. Service at St Michael the Archangel, Warfield, Berks. on Tuesday November 25th at 12 noon, following private cremation. All enquiries to Lines Bannister F/D Ascot (01344) 20266.

STEELE - Peacefully on 16th November, Max, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. No flowers but if wished donations to St Christopher's Hospice c/o James W. Constable Funeral Directors, tel: (0181) 291-0811.

TIMMS - The Venerable George Boorne died in Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital, Margate, at the age of 87. Funeral Tuesday November 25th 1.45 pm All Saints Church, Birchington, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for Cancer Research to W.S. Cole & Son, Monkton, Ramsgate, CT12 4JQ.

TRYON - Dale - Fond Memories of many happy times darling. Dale, may you find peace and contentment in eternal rest. Sincere sympathy to Zoe, Charles, Victoria and Edward. Paul, Sandy and Daisy Lynch. Melbourne, Australia.

WHITESON - Lou, musician, on 15th November peacefully at home aged 85. Dearly loved husband of Madeleine and father of Michael. Will be sorely missed by his family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

WILKINSON - Suddenly in Hamilton, Bermuda on 9th November, David Edmund CBE, beloved husband of Aina, devoted father of Linda and son-in-law Scott and much loved grandfather of Natasha, Justine and Oliver. Formerly a long serving Member of the House of Assembly retiring as Speaker in 1993. The funeral was held on 14th November in Holy Trinity Church, Hamilton Parish.

YOUNG - Patricia (Tish) on 14th November 1997 aged 81 years. Devoted wife of the late Major General Peter Young, and loving and greatly loved mother of Susie and James, and grandmother of Eleanor, Robert, Peter, Nicholas and Edward. Private funeral for family and very close friends. Family flowers only please. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St John's Church, Pewsey on 5th December at 2 pm. Donations in Tish's memory to Prospect Hospice, Wroughton, Wiltshire SN4 9BY.

YOUNG - Eric William aged 82 suddenly and peacefully on November 17th. Much loved husband of the late Gale Young. Father of Gale, Judy, Joanna and Ben. Memorial Service and Interment of Ashes to be held at All Saints Church, Beeston Regis, near Sheringham, Norfolk, on Saturday November 29th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Norfolk Society c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

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AIR COMMANDANT DAME JEAN CONAN DOYLE

Air Commandant Dame Jean Conan Doyle, DBE, (Lady Bromet), Director of the Women's Royal Air Force, 1963-66, and daughter of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, died yesterday aged 84. She was born on December 21, 1912.

Dame Jean Conan Doyle shared her father's taste for action and was thankful that she had had time for her own career before she succeeded to the onerous task of administering copyrights on Sir Arthur's works after her brother Adrian's death in 1971.

Sometimes it seemed as if the problems she had protecting Sir Arthur's best-known character, Sherlock Holmes, exhausted even her boundless reserves of patience. "I occasionally feel, as my father did, that if anyone else says 'Sherlock Holmes' to me, I'll scream," she once said. "I know exactly how he felt when he finally pushed him off the Reichenbach Falls."

Jean Lena Annette Conan Doyle was educated at Granville House, Eastbourne. Her father, failing to foresee her future, once protested to her headmistress that it was useless for her to study Caesar's Gallic Wars because it was highly unlikely that she would ever be concerned with military matters.

With two older brothers, she grew up a tomboy, required to take her turn in the cricket nets, and was known as Billy to avoid confusion with her mother, Jean. She was however, the most bookish of Sir Arthur's three children, and the only one permitted to enter his study while he was working. She remembered sitting in a big red leather chair next to the fireplace, listening to the sound of his nib rushing with hardly a pause across page after page.

Her father took her with him on his tours of America, Australia and South Africa. She recalled that he shouted at her only once — for walking noisily across a parquet floor — and then immediately asked her forgiveness.

She was the product of Sir Arthur's second marriage, to Jean Leckie, with whom he had fallen in love as his first wife, Louise, died a long, lingering death from tuberculosis. Sir Arthur behaved impeccably as Louise fought her illness for almost ten years, and it was only a year after her death that he permitted himself to marry Miss Leckie. There is no question that his sense of personal honour, sacrifice and propriety made a profound impression upon his daughter.

Jean was 17 when her father died in 1930, and, after staying on at the family home in Sussex to look after her heartbroken mother, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service in 1938. She was commissioned into the WAAF in 1940. For a short period during the Battle of Britain, she served at Hawkinge, then a radar station. In 1942, she was appointed WAAF staff officer at HQ No 9 Group in Lancashire, and, in 1943, she served at HQ, Fighter Command, and in 1943-45 was based at HQ RAF, Northern Ireland.

She was the postwar WRAF's administrative officer at HQ, Technical Training Command, from May 1962, having been deputy director of the WRAF at the Air Ministry for two years. She was appointed to a directorship of the WRAF in 1963.

She was sometimes compared to Joyce Grenfell for the way that she tackled her duties with cheerful good humour, resilience and optimism. An undoubted workaholic, she often worked long into the night and admitted she had turned down several proposals of marriage because of her commitment to the people who worked for her.

It was, however, as a doughty champion of her father's good name that she became best known to the public. The copyright on her father's works ran out in Britain on the 50th anniversary of his death, in 1980 (though it has lately been revived under EU rules); but under American law the estate was entitled to 70 years' copyright from the date of each publication.

She realised that this was enough to enable her to preserve the true character of Sherlock Holmes, since all major books and films depended on the American market. She acquired an American-based agent and a group of experts in her father's works to read new manuscripts and keep an eye out for any unauthorised endeavours.

In 1988, she unexpectedly withdrew permission from an acknowledged expert on Holmes, Michael Hardwick, who had been publishing new adventures about the detective, saying that she wished people to read her father's original works instead.

In Britain, although she had no legal powers after the copyright had ended, she frequently reprimanded writers and film-makers who she felt had not been true to the spirit of her father's works, and her name became very familiar to the readers of the letters columns in national newspapers.

She took particular exception to the bizarre 1976 film *The Seven Per Cent Solution*, which had Nicol Williamson as Holmes seeking psychiatric counselling from Professor Freud. She was also infuriated by posters featuring two nude girls used to advertise a film version of *Brigadier Gerard*, which she said would have horrified her father, whose "prounounced sense of chivalry towards women was well known".

She saw considerable merit, however, in Jeremy Brett's performance as Holmes in *The Secret of Sherlock Holmes* at the Wyndhams Theatre and later in the television series he made. She wrote to the actor saying that he had correctly discerned that the secret of playing Holmes was to recognise his cold, unemotional centre.

Somewhat sacrilegiously, she admitted late in life that she admired other characters whom her father had created, such as Brigadier Gerard and Professor Challenger, every bit as much as Holmes, if not more. She always said that her father's name mattered far more to her than any of the characters he created, and it was her sense of loyalty to him — rather than to the characters — that made her take her role so seriously.

Her father's portrait dominated the drawing room of her home in Chelsea and one of her most treasured possessions was her father's copy of the Holmes adventure *A Study in Scarlet*.

In 1955, she had the sensitive task of overseeing the transfer of the remains of both her parents from the grounds of their Sussex home to Minstead churchyard in the New Forest, where her father had written *The White Company*.

She shared her father's belief in spiritualism, and, although she claimed to have once made contact with him through a medium, she resisted the temptation to do so again. "Life is for living," she explained. "My father taught me that you've got to stand on your own two feet."

She served as honorary ADC to the Queen from 1963 to 1966, a role she carried out with such discretion that the first most of her friends knew of it was when she made reference to it in her entry in *Who's Who*. She was appointed OBE in 1948 and advanced to DBE in 1963.

She married Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Bromet in 1965 when she was 52 and he 73, but out of deference to her father she reverted to the Conan Doyle name following Sir Geoffrey's death in 1983. They had no children.

PROFESSOR CHARLES KENNEDY

Charles Kennedy, Professor of Economic Theory at the University of Kent, 1966-70, died on November 4 aged 74. He was born on February 9, 1923.

CHARLES KENNEDY was among the foremost economic theoreticians of his generation, and at a relatively young age made major contributions to welfare economics, monetary theory, open economy macroeconomics, capital and growth theory, and the theory of technical progress. In the 1950s he was one of a group of brilliant economists in Oxford including Sir Roy Harrod, Sir John Hicks and Ian Little, whom he inspired and was himself inspired by.

Kennedy's gifts were a deep intuition and insight into the nature of economic processes and behaviour, and the ability to express his insights in a lucid and rigorous way. He did not find writing easy, and sometimes his intuition was ahead of his understanding (a characteristic of many fine economists), but the end result was a clutch of pioneering papers in the top professional journals, all elegantly and concisely written. His 1964 paper on "Induced Bias in Innovation and the Theory of Distribution" will be one of his lasting legacies. Every growth theorist knows Kennedy's invention of the "innovation possibility frontier" and the concept of Kennedy technical progress.

Charles Marius Kennedy was the youngest of five sons in an artistic and musical family living in London but with strong roots in Donegal and Cornwall. Both of his grandfathers were painters: Charles Napier Kennedy was a well-known portrait painter, while Thomas Millie Dow, one of the "Glasgow Boys", was a founder of the St Ives School.

His father, George Kennedy, who mixed with the Bloomsbury Group, was John Maynard Keynes's favourite architect, and designed the Cambridge Arts Theatre and a number of buildings in Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

The young Kennedy was one of the earliest pupils at the new school established by Hahn at Gordonstoun, where Prince Philip was a fellow pupil. There he enjoyed the outdoor activities and learnt the cello: playing chamber music was to be a source of pleasure throughout his life. In 1940, at the age of 17, he went up to Oxford to read PPE at Balliol, where, under the tutorship of Thomas Balogh, he graduated with a first in two years. In 1942 he was selected to work under Lord Cherwell in the Prime Minister's statistical section of the Cabinet Office. In 1944, he joined the Merchant Navy and played a part in the Normandy landings.

His first academic post was as assistant lecturer in economics at University College, London in 1946, before his return to Oxford in 1947. From 1950 to 1961 he was a fellow of Queen's and a university lecturer.

At Oxford he worked mainly on topics in monetary theory and welfare economics, though he showed early signs of interest in growth economics and technical progress which were later to make his name and establish his authority. He will be remembered most in this period for his incisive contributions to the then fashionable field of welfare economics.

In 1959 his life changed dramatically when he met and married Ann Cullis, a research chemist working in Cambridge on the structure of haemoglobin. In 1961 the couple left Oxford for the University of the West Indies, where Kennedy had been appointed to a chair. Three sons and a daughter were born in quick succession, and Kennedy's productivity as an economist also flourished, with a spate of papers on technical progress, investment and growth, as well as new work in the field of open economy macroeconomics. He also became a director of the Bank of Jamaica.

Meanwhile in Britain the new universities were being established, and Kennedy was attracted to the foundation chair of economic theory at the University of Kent at Canterbury, which he took up in 1966. The university is college-based, and this suited Kennedy's Oxford style. He loved the Eliot College Senior Common Room and the small group teaching at which he excelled, but was not so happy in the big lecture theatre. He was too shy to captivate large student audiences, and it was partly this unease which induced him to take early retirement in 1970. A healthy disdain for bureaucracy and his dislike of petty administration were also factors.

His intellectual interests also changed. Disillusioned with the direction in which mainstream macroeconomics seemed to be going, he took refuge in business finance, especially the theory of options, warrants and convertibles. He was particularly appreciated by family and friends for his investment knowledge and expertise, which he always gave generously, and over many years he gave valuable financial advice to the University of Kent, which awarded him an honorary degree in 1984.

Kennedy inherited many of the artistic traits of his father and grandfather. He had a Bloomsbury demeanour and was an enthusiastic amateur painter. His early retirement gave him more time to enjoy his growing family and the opportunity to indulge his love of painting, gardening and travel. He is survived by his wife and four children.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN STRICKLAND

Lieutenant-Colonel John Strickland, MC, former Gurkha commander, died on October 22 aged 87. He was born on November 15, 1909.

JOHN STRICKLAND won his Military Cross when commanding "A" Company of the 2nd/4th The Prince of Wales's Own Gurkha Rifles in 1937 in Waziristan. At this time the "elusive troublemonger", the Faqir of Ipi, had worked up the Tori Khel and neighbouring tribes to action.

On May 12, 1937, having beaten off a sudden attack during a rainstorm, Strickland was ordered to capture two positions from which the tribesmen were pouring fire onto the 21st Punjabis and the 4th Gurkhas. Leading his company with great dash and gallantry, he seized Sangor Hill with only one casualty, and then carried on the momentum to overwhelm the second position.

Strickland had joined the 2nd Battalion via Sandhurst. After a period as the first adjutant of the new Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun, he returned to command "A" Company in the fighting against the Vichy French in Iraq and Syria in May 1941. The battalion was then posted to North Africa, and in June 1942 engaged in the defence of Bir Hacheim in Libya and the disastrous Battle of the Cauldron.

On June 3 Strickland was wounded by artillery fire, so luckily he was not present when the whole of what was left of the battalion was encircled by Rommel's troops three days later. Another two years as second-in-command followed, with many actions in Italy through to Perugia and Assisi, before he departed for Burma and the 4th Battalion.

Initially as second-in-command and then as commanding officer, he saw through the decisive battles for the taking of Mandalay Hill, and the final advance down the Mawchi Road in June 1945, when the battalion faced some of the toughest fighting of the entire Burma campaign. For this battle Strickland was mentioned in dispatches.

During 1946 he was in temporary command of 98th Infantry Brigade, before the battalion returned to India for disbandment in October. One task remained. Strickland, accompanied by the two *subadars* (junior commissioned officers), visited the hermit of Mandalay Hill, who presented the battalion with the Mandalay Pagoda Bell.

John Strickland was born in India, but the family returned to England after the death of his father from wounds sustained as an infantry officer in 1917. One of his mother's ancestors was Colonel John Vera O'Sullivan, who served Bonnie Prince Charlie in the '45 rebellion. His mother was totally engrossed by her Roman Catholic faith, and this prompted her to send her eldest son to a monastery in Ireland when he was 14. Finding the life uncongenial, he leapt over the wall, returning to England and Peter Symonds School in Winchester for a year. He spent another year working at Ideal Films before volunteering, under-age, for the Rifle Brigade in India. The commanding officer, Colonel later General Renton, persuaded him that he should go to Sandhurst.

This began a number of surprise encounters with his younger brother, B. V. M. Strickland. The elder brother had not maintained contact with his family, so when the younger Strickland passed into Sandhurst in 1932 he was taken aback to find his brother in the senior term. The younger Strickland was also commissioned for service in India, but resigned in 1935 over debts at cards. After some time in Sudan and two years as a doorman in Paris, he saw war coming and enlisted in the Royal Tank Corps. Nine years later, the two brothers met again by chance in 1944 in Italy. This time the older man was surprised to find that his younger brother was now a lieutenant-colonel.

For John Strickland, the partition of India brought the old life to an end. Returning to England in 1947 he tried the RAF Regiment and visited Rhodesia and then jumped at the chance to return to Pakistan for three years as an area commander. Returning to England finally in 1953, he became the managing clerk for a large chamber of barristers in Southampton, where he continued for nearly 25 years. But he regularly attended the annual reunions of the 4th Gurkhas at Stoke Poges.

He is survived by his wife, Alison, whom he married in 1944, when she was an officer in the WAAF, and their three daughters.

ON THIS DAY

November 19, 1839

Although the master of 500 slaves got off lightly on a charge of murdering one of them, the Governor of the French colony of Guadeloupe expressed the indignation of "all impartial men in the colony".

SLAVERY

[It appears that the slave, Jean Pierre, had frequently absconded from the plantation to which he belonged, and had been more than once punished by his master, Amé Noel.]

The police by whom Jean Pierre was arrested recommended that he should be put into a place of safety, and that his master should immediately apply, on account of the turbulent indiscipline of his negro, for permission to transport him from the colony. He was placed by the orders of his master in a closed cell, and attached to the bedstead in such a way that he could neither stand nor lie, his legs being placed in an instrument of torture, called the *barre*, and his arms drawn up by a rope towards the roof.

In this situation Amé Noel and his mistress twice visited him, and beat him cruelly with sticks. Jean Pierre had become so ill that his keeper informed his master of the state of the prisoner, but was inhumanly told not to relax the rigour of his treatment, and to give him a glass of rum in order to increase his torments. After five days' suffering not to be described, and during the whole of which time the poor slave could not move a muscle of his body, death came to his relief.

Proceedings on a charge of murder were taken against Amé Noel. The tribunal was composed of the president and two councillors. The assessors, on whose decision the fate of the prisoners depended, were four in number, all slave-owners themselves, and living in the same district as the accused. Amé, who is 72 years of age, and partly of negro origin, but one of the richest colonists in Guadeloupe, treated the proceedings with great levity, and seemed astonished that his right to do as he pleased with his own should be disputed.

The Procureur-General pressed hard for a conviction. The counsel for the prisoners, however, contended that they had not exceeded the law in the punishment of their victim, and called upon the assessors to believe the statement of Amé Noel, who, though he confessed to having inflicted torture, denied having had the intention of taking away life. When the trial, which lasted five days, was over, the assessors returned a verdict of "acquittal" on the charge of murder, and merely imposed a fine of 300f, for an infringement of article 358 of the penal code in the treatment of his slave!

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■ Three generations of a single family were among the British victims of the Luxor massacre, it emerged yesterday as the full extent of the Islamic terrorists' brutality in killing 58 foreign tourists became clear.

Shaunnah Turner, five, her mother Karina and grandmother Joan, from Rippondon, West Yorkshire, were on the third day of their holiday when they were murdered outside the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut .... Pages 1, 2, 3, 22

Royal Flight plane in emergency

■ A BAe 146 of the Royal Flight made an emergency landing at Stansted when three out of its four engines broke down after a catastrophic fall in oil pressure. A senior RAF instructor was on board with a trainee captain. The Duke of York had travelled on the same aircraft only a few days earlier .... Page 1

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Russia said it had worked out a plan to bring a peaceful end to the crisis between Iraq and the UN after talks between President Boris Yeltsin and a senior Iraqi official .... Pages 1, 16, 23

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There will be as many crowned heads at the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh's golden wedding thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey tomorrow as there were at their marriage service .... Page 5

Officer was 'lap dog'

An RAF officer became the "lap dog" of his Serbian interpreter after she manipulated him with sexual favours during his tour as a military observer in Bosnia, a court was told .... Page 6

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A man who appeared to be covered in blood was seen running from fields where the body of the murdered schoolgirl Kate Bushell was found .... Page 8

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British astronomers have named a newly discovered galaxy 10 million light years from Earth Le Blob, in celebration of two French colleagues .... Page 9

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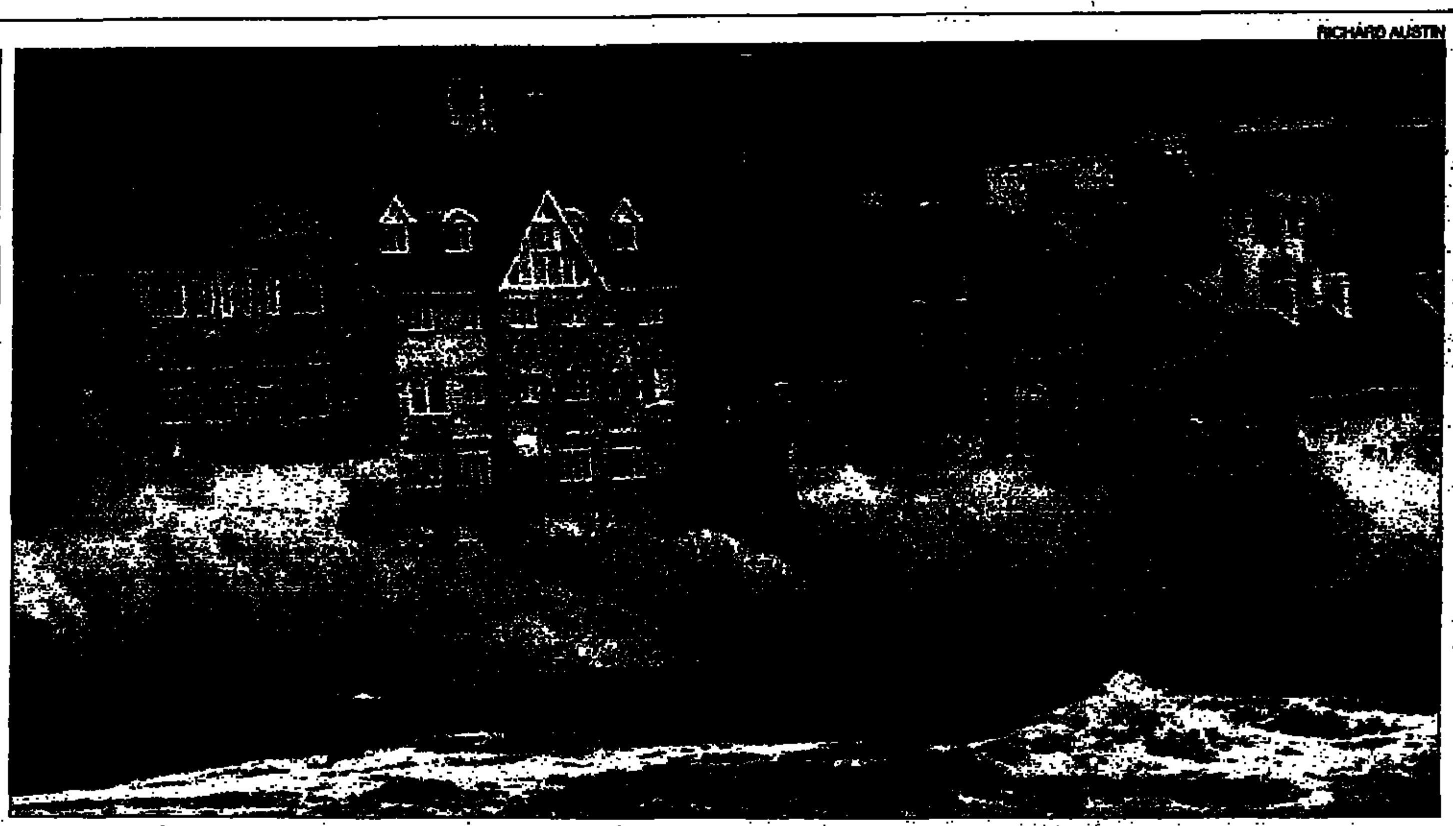

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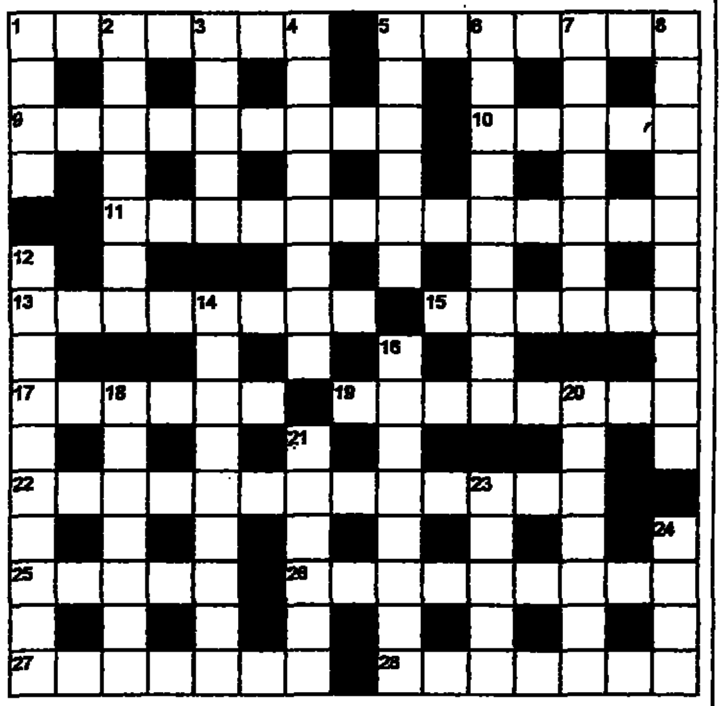

ACROSS

1 Undergarments in which people may secrete diamonds (7).
5 Punitive measure by employer bringing loss of hair? (7).
9 Controlling plant in porcelain container (9).
10 Muck round about one brought back smell (5).
11 Might some European currencies look weak thus? It's irrelevant (6,3,4).
13 Assessed the general quality of old woman coming in (8).
15 Stick kept around home for dog (6).
17 Fur covering lean cat, say (6).
19 Number not completely happy in the upper classes (8).
22 Contrived to dupe cheater in dramatic turnabout (4,2,7).
25 Restrain learner with self-regarding boast (5).
26 Entertainer showing off round piano with little hesitation (3,6).
27 Rodent catcher ensnares head of long snake (7).
28 Said to be chivalrous each time it's dark (7).

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1 Dangerous item in letter or packet? (4).
2 I'd knocked over antelope put out of action (7).
3 Pet has removed a salad ingredient (5).
4 Brawls in joint, then passes away (8).
5 Smooth emissary has nothing for English ultimately (6).
6 Visit to the bishop? Something almost disastrous for Americans (5,4).
7 A creative enterprise that's folding (7).
8 One who watches the enemy carefully (10).
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☐ **London, SE, SW & Central S England, E & W Midlands, Channel Isles, S & N Wales:** sunny intervals, showers spreading east, heavy at times. Wind fresh, SE. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England:** cloudy, rain at times. Wind fresh or strong, SE. Max 10C (50F).

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☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** mainly cloudy, showers, heavy at times. Wind strong, SE. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with rain. Wind SE, gales. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** windy, sunny intervals, blustery showers. Winds strong, S or SE. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** mild, unsettled, with rain at times.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	1.67	10	50	r	Lerwick	-	0.09	9	48	r
Anglesey	0.9	0.50	14	57	sh	Leuchars	0.1	0.31	11	52	r
Aviemore	0.1	0.22	13	55	sn	Littlehmptn	-	0.88	15	59	r
Belfast	-	0.32	14	57	c	London	-	0.25	13	55	r
Birmingham	-	0.28	13	55	r	Lowestoft	0.3	0.01	10	50	r
Bognor R	-	0.50	13	55	r	Manchester	0.1	0.07	14	57	r
Bournem'th	-	0.56	14	57	r	Margate	0.4	0.05	11	52	r
Bristol	1.7	0.18	16	61	r	Minehead	0.1	0.82	14	57	sh
Buxton	-	0.18	12	54	sh	Morecambe	0.5	0.36	15	59	r
Cardiff	0.4	0.13	14	57	r	Newcastle	-	0.12	10	50	r
Clacton	0.1	0.09	10	50	r	Norwich	0.2	0.12	9	48	r
Cleethorpes	-	0.15	9	48	r	Oxford	-	0.19	13	55	r
Cromer	-	0.13	9	48	r	Penzance	X	0.74	15	59	sh
Eastbourne	-	0.24	13	55	r	Poole	-	0.71	14	57	r
Edinburgh	2.7	0.07	15	59	r	Prestatyn	X	0.01	17	63	b
Eskdalemuir	-	0.91	12	54	r	Ross-o-wye	0.5	0.54	15	59	r
Exmouth	0.5	0.87	14	57	c	Saunton Snd	-	0.37	14	57	b
Falmouth	3.6	0.28	15	59	s	Scarboro'	-	0.12	9	48	r
Fishguard	-	1.33	13	55	r	Skegness	-	0.19	10	50	r
Folkestone	-	0.03	11	52	r	Southend	-	0.07	13	55	r
Glasgow	1.0	0.42	15	59	r	Southport	-	0.11	15	59	c
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Jersey	0.1	0.40	15	59	r	Torquay	1.3	0.92	16	61	b
Kinloss	1.9	0.01	13	55	r	West-s-mare	1.7	0.25	16	61	b
Leeds	-	0.05	11	52	r	Weymouth	1.2	0.62	15	59	c

Ajaccio	19	66	f	C'phagn	6	43	c	Malta	16	61	r	Salzburg	5	41	c
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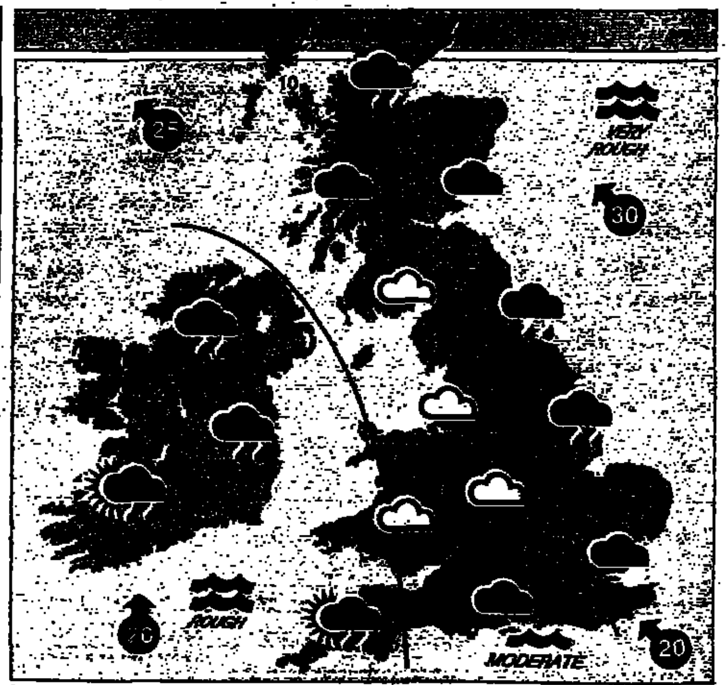

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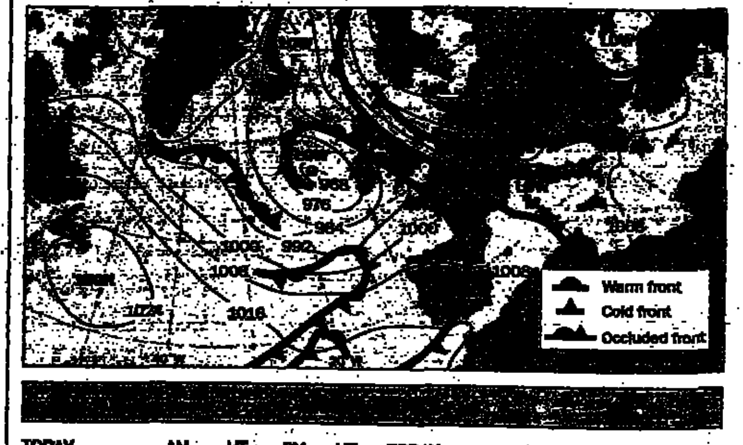

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Belfast	01.50	3.3	14.06	3.5	Margate	02.39	4.6	15.06	4.6
Cardiff	09.46	11.4	22.11	10.9	Milford Haven	09.03	6.5	21.27	6.1
Devonport	08.36	5.2	21.00	4.9	Newquay	07.57	6.5	20.22	6.2
Dover	01.34	6.5	13.53	6.3	Oban	08.10	3.7	20.48	3.4
Dublin (N Wall)	02.21	4.0	14.39	4.1	Penzance	07.24	5.3	19.48	5.0
Falmouth	08.07	5.0	20.31	4.7	Portland	09.28	2.0	21.59	1.7
Greenock	03.18	3.4	15.18	3.7	Portsmouth	01.57	4.5	14.09	4.4
Harwich	02.23	3.9	14.45	3.9	Shoreham	01.42	6.0	13.55	5.9
Holyhead	01.03	6.3	13.19	5.9	Southampton	01.23	4.4	13.41	4.4
Hull (Albert D)	09.14	8.2	21.24	8.1	Swansea	09.01	8.9	21.25	8.5
Ilfracombe	08.45	8.6	21.10	8.1	Tees	06.30	5.1	18.46	5.1
King's Lynn	09.18	6.2	21.25	6.2	Walton-on-N	02.16	4.0	14.41	4.0

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Prestatyn, North Wales, and Aultbea, Highland, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Cromer, Norfolk, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Cardinham, Cornwall, 2.05ins; highest sunshine: Falmouth, Cornwall, 3.6hrs.

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19 1997

Troubleshooter takes over top job

Laura Ashley directors oust Iverson

By Jason Nissé

THE 30-month reign of Ann Iverson as chief executive of Laura Ashley came to an abrupt end yesterday when she and James Walsh, the finance director, were ousted from the troubled clothes and furnishings seller.

Ms Iverson left the company immediately after being told on Monday night that she was being replaced as chief executive by David Hoare, the management consultant brought in to sort out the company's critical cash flow and stock supply problems.

"Ann understands the decision and knows this is part of the recovery plan," said Stephen Cox, the group's company secretary, yesterday. "The situation as it stood was simply not acceptable."

After picking up more than £2.2 million in salary and bonus payments since she became chief executive in June 1995, Ms Iverson will receive £450,000 compensation for loss of office.

Mr Walsh, who will stay until a replacement is found, is entitled to a £300,000 pay off.

These will be paid despite Laura Ashley's critical financial problems, which have seen it plunge into losses, breach the covenants on its £50 million of loans and enter discussions with its bankers, led by HSBC Holdings and Bank of Nova Scotia. The retailer's shares fell 1p to 45p yesterday, having lost nearly four fifths of their value in a year and fallen 20 per cent since Sir Bernard Ashley, husband of the founder, purchased 100,000 extra shares last month. He now controls 35.2 per cent of the shares.

Thornton: public support

The end for Ms Iverson came after two weeks of intensive meetings as Mr Hoare, who was brought in as chief operating officer in September, started implementing his plans to return the retailer to profitability.

The board's decision to get rid of Ms Iverson is believed to have been unanimous. However, it is understood that John Thornton, the merchant banker who chairs the company, had been discussing the ousting of Ms Iverson with other directors before Monday's meeting. This was despite Mr Thornton's public support of Ms Iverson at the annual shareholders' meeting in August.

Mr Thornton was behind the appointment of Mr Hoare's consultancy company, Tallisman Management, in the summer. Mr Thornton is understood to have asked a colleague whether the City considered the mess at Laura Ashley to be his fault. The answer was: "Not yet, but if you do not do something soon it will be."

Since Tallisman came in a catalogue of problems have emerged. These include failing to deliver popular lines to stores, supplying too much of slow selling products, inability to identify how much money is being made on many items and failing to keep track of the cash position.

However, the main source of problems identified by Tallisman was the US, where Ms Iverson had embarked on an ambitious expansion plan. This has been stopped in its tracks. Laura Ashley has surrendered the leases on its new stores and is exploring whether it can sell the business.

Mr Hoare has decided to stop other initiatives, which include new ranges of home furnishings and clothing for next year. He is also trying to reduce the influence of the Ashley family on the company and is understood to have said he may quit if Sir Bernard, who is a non-executive director, interferes in day-to-day decision-making. City analysts said Mr Hoare is "a turnaround man" and is unlikely to stay at the helm long term.

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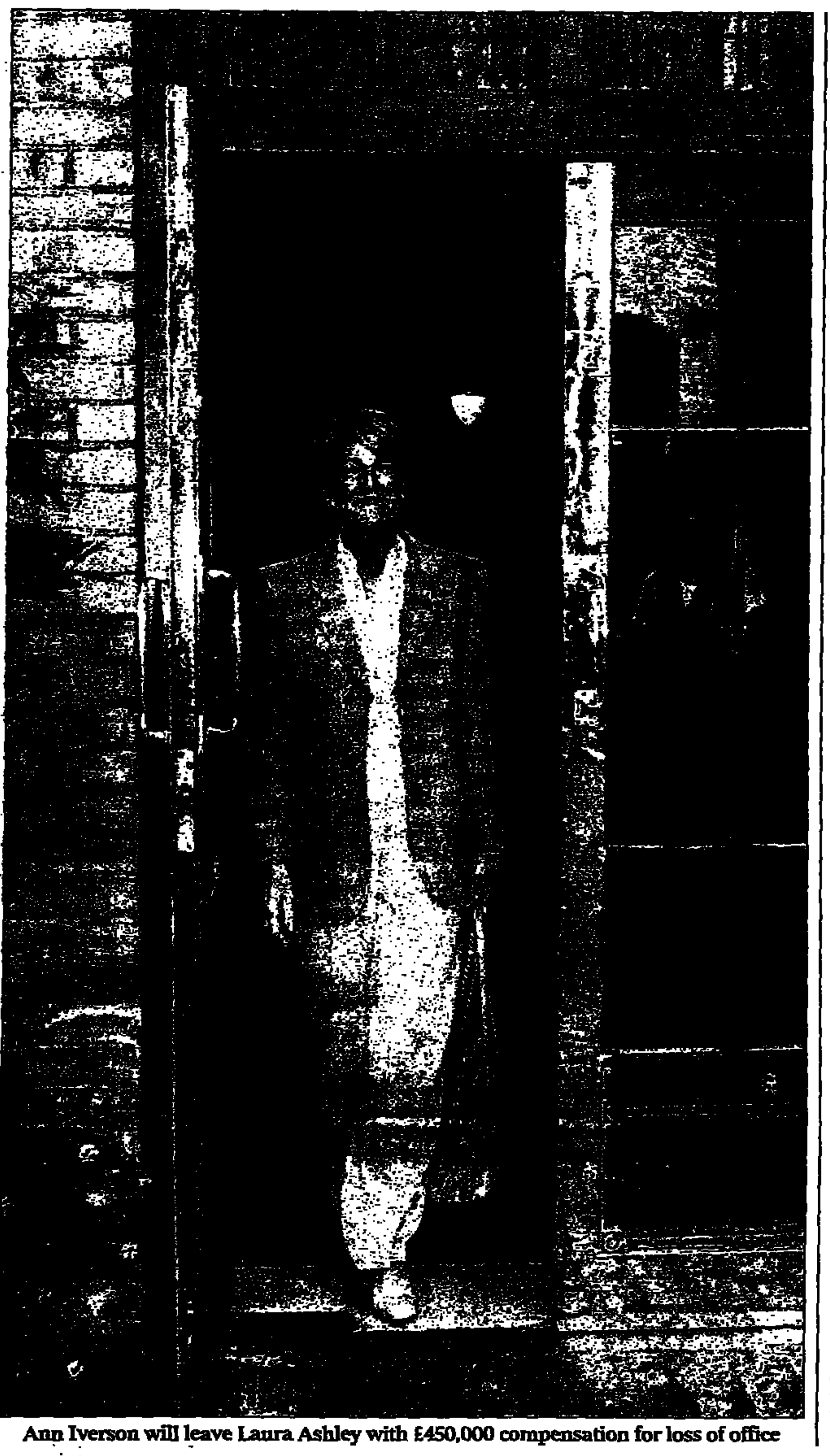

Ann Iverson will leave Laura Ashley with £450,000 compensation for loss of office

Beckett blocks £365m disposal by Sears

By Chris Ayres

MARGARET BECKETT, the President of the Board of Trade, yesterday dealt a severe blow to Sears, by blocking the troubled retailer's £365 million sale of its Freemans mail order business to Littlewoods.

Sears immediately said it would seek grounds for a judicial review of Mrs Beckett's decision. The move sent its shares down 3½p to 54½p.

The sale — which was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in April — was blocked on the grounds that it would give Littlewoods and Great Universal Stores, its main rival, more than 80 per cent of the agency mail order market.

Sears had agreed to sell the business for £365 million as part of its restructuring plan. The strategy, which aims to return cash to shareholders and includes selling its shoe business and demerging its Selfridges department store, will now have to be reviewed. Sir Bob Reid, chairman of Sears, said: "We will retain Freemans and focus on continuing to improve its performance with the intention of demerging it within two years."

Ian Cheshire, commercial director of Sears, would not rule out the possibility of a sale. However, N Brown, a previous bidder, said it would not raise its offer price, believed to have been less than £335 million.

The decision also came as a blow to Littlewoods, which had planned to use Freemans to boost its market share to about 25 per cent. But yesterday it attempted to shrug off the setback."

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Nikkei	16726.57	(+443.25)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7680.78	(–17.44)*
S&P Composite	941.81	(–4.39)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	$5\frac{7}{16}$%*	($5\frac{11}{16}$%)
Long Bond	$100\frac{25}{32}$*	($100\frac{3}{4}$)
Yield	6.07%*	(6.07%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	$7\frac{19}{32}$%	($7\frac{19}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	$117\frac{21}{32}$	($117\frac{21}{32}$)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6963*	(1.6962)
London:		
$	1.6941	(1.6928)
DM	2.9226	(2.9346)
FFr	9.7875	(9.8270)
SFr	2.3780	(2.3866)
Yen	212.98	(212.90)
£ Index	103.8	(104.1)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.7254*	(1.7310)
FFr	5.7767*	(5.7980)
SFr	1.4032*	(1.4085)
Yen	125.90*	(125.65)
$ Index	105.7	(105.9)
Tokyo close Yen 125.54		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Feb)	$19.20	($19.32)
GOLD		
London close	$305.55	($303.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Calling

Vodafone, Britain's largest mobile telephone group, stepped up the price war with its rivals by cutting charges and increasing the amount of free calls offered to its customers.
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Dairy battle

Northern Foods is determined to defend its share of the market in supplying milk to the main supermarket chains despite making little money from the business.
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Borrowing target to be revised down by Brown

By Alasdair Murray, Economics Correspondent

GORDON BROWN is set to revise downwards the Government's borrowing target in next week's *Pre-Budget Report* after the latest figures showed the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) is on course to undershoot Treasury forecasts.

The Treasury was able to make a net debt repayment of £5.7 billion in October, while the September PSBR was also revised downwards by £200 million to £2.9 billion.

In the first seven months of this financial year, government borrowing totalled £2.6 billion, compared with £11.2 billion at the same time last year. Economists said the Government is likely to undershoot its current forecast target of £10.9 billion by around £3 billion and will consequently revise its own forecast next month.

The improvement in the PSBR has been led by tight controls on government spending. Government department spending so far this year has fallen 0.6 per cent from last year, compared with a full-year forecast of a 1.7 per cent rise.

The tax take also continued to improve, although economists noted the increase of 6.7 per cent so far this year is running below Treasury forecasts of an 8.1 per cent rise.

Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, said that although the Government would easily meet its full-year forecast "the expenditure side of the accounts may deteriorate towards the end of the year as departments step up their spending so as not to lose their allocations".

Economists also gave warning that an undershoot may be harder to achieve next year, with tax receipts likely to slow in line with the economy and the Goverment needing to find extra money to meet the rise in index-linked benefits.

Botnar tax decision due today

By Jason Nissé

THE Inland Revenue will learn today whether it has won £100 million in back taxes from charitable trusts controlled by Octav Botnar, the fugitive former Nissan UK chief.

The High Court ruling comes two weeks after the Revenue dropped its four-year prosecution of Mr Botnar for tax fraud, claiming the 84-year-old tycoon, who lives in Switzerland, was too ill to stand trial.

However, the Revenue is still pursuing Mr Botnar's charitable trusts for £68 million of tax plus interest of more than £30 million, claiming tax was payable because Mr Botnar could potentially have benefited from the trusts. Mr Botnar won the case before the Revenue's Special Commissioners last year but the Revenue appealed to the High Court on a legal technicality. Mr Botnar has vowed to go to the Court of Appeal if he loses today.

Liddell threat to put mis-sellers out of business

By Caroline Merrell, Gavin Lumsden and Susan Emmett

THE Government threatened yesterday to sack senior life insurance executives and put their companies out of business if they fail to resolve the pensions mis-selling scandal.

In her strongest action so far, Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said: "I seriously envisage a situation where companies are imperilled. If they do not get a move on they are in danger of being put out of business."

She went on: "There is still a raft of companies that are walking away from this mess."

More than 40 companies, including some of the UK's biggest life insurance firms, have been struggling to compensate hundreds of thousands of people who were encouraged to give up their rights to company schemes in favour of taking out personal pensions. The total compensation bill is expected to be well above £4 billion. Ms Liddell is becoming increasingly impatient with the insurance companies' lack of progress. Much of the mis-selling occurred at the end of the Eighties.

Not content with fining and publicly reprimanding firms, Ms Liddell said yesterday: "I will continue to look for ways to maximise pressure on the industry."

She is particularly annoyed with companies that seem to be using the review process as an excuse to sell more policies.

The Economic Secretary added that one way the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) could take action against senior executives is to exclude them from the list of registered individuals, which it is planning to introduce next year.

The named individuals will then not be able work in the industry without the necessary authorisation.

Post Office seals Co-op Bank deal

By Richard Miles
Banking Correspondent

A LANDMARK agreement sealed yesterday by the Post Office and the Co-operative Bank has created Britain's biggest network of banking outlets.

From next week, Co-op Bank customers will be able to cash cheques and deposit funds at any of the Post Office's 15,500 outlets in England and Wales. Similar plans for Scotland are under preparation.

The nationwide roll-out of the service comes after a 12-month trial at 1,500 post offices in northwest England, North Wales and the Midlands. During the trial, the Co-op Bank logged an average of 25,000 transactions per month, two thirds of them deposits.

Stuart Sweetman, managing director of Post Office Counters, said that the agreement was non-exclusive and so would not interfere with a similar trial by Lloyds TSB, announced last month, or with the Post Office's relationship with Girobank, owned by Alliance & Leicester.

Mr Sweetman said that the Post Office would continue to extend its financial services by acting as a distributor for banks and insurers, following a "best-of-breed" approach to partnerships. He said: "We don't believe we have reached the limits on our arrangements with financial institutions. There are discussions going on with other institutions of varying sizes."

The Post Office will receive a fee for each transaction carried out on behalf of the Co-op Bank. Boosting the current range of 171 services would enable the Post Office to save from closure many smaller outlets in which the postmaster is rewarded according to transaction levels, Mr Sweetman said.

Initially, only the one million customers holding a current account at the Co-op Bank will be permitted to use the service. However, Mervyn Pedelty, the bank's chief executive, did not rule out additional services. "From now on, we can offer our customers the biggest banking network in the UK," he said.

The deal vastly increases the Co-op Bank's scope to deal face to face with its customers, as 28 million people visit a post office each week. At present, the bank has fewer than 150 standalone branches, plus 200 banking points in Co-op stores and access to 14,000 Link automatic teller machines.

☐ Barclays Bank staff are to stage a one-day strike on Christmas Eve in a dispute about the introduction of a performance-related pay scheme that unions say will lead to a pay freeze.

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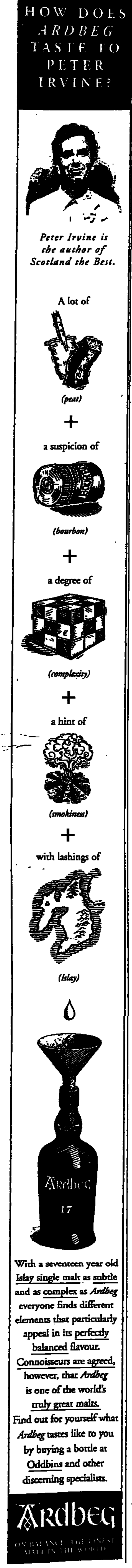
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Saviour proved to be false prophet

Jon Ashworth on how Ann Iverson failed to live up to expectations during her brief reign at Laura Ashley

BACK in the summer, Ann Iverson appeared in *Vogue* magazine wearing a black leather coat (and little else), and crooning: "All those City guys love to think of me in black leather, so I may as well live up to expectations."

This presumption, if true, is the only thing to have lived up to expectations concerning Ms Iverson, who has finally been shown the door at Laura Ashley after 28 months at the helm. Lauded for her success in turning round Bhs and Mothercare, Michigan-born Ms Iverson, 53, has singularly failed to impress, parting company with several top aides and presiding over three profit warnings this year alone.

Her reign will not be forgotten in a hurry. Ms Iverson was hailed as Laura Ashley's saviour when she swept back onto the British scene in July 1995. She had returned to America a year earlier, after four successful years with Storehouse, but was tempted back with a performance-linked package worth more than £5 million over three years.

The eponymous Laura Ashley crafted her first prints on the kitchen table of her flat in Pimlico, central London, in 1953, and built a fortune on floral cotton and chintz. She died in September 1985 after falling down an unlit stairwell at her daughter's cottage in the Cotswolds, where the family had gathered to celebrate her 60th birthday.

The company went ahead with its stock market flotation, coming to the market in December 1985 in an issue that was 34 times oversubscribed. The shares soared to a 59p premium, touching 194p on the first day's trading. They closed at 45p yesterday, having slid steadily from a level of 207p last December.

Ms Iverson arrived in the UK in early 1990, fresh from Bloomingdale's in New York, and lived up to expectations. She revived fortunes at Bhs and then put the "fun" back into Mothercare, with innovations such as talking trees and singing clocks.

Her arrival at Laura Ashley was greeted with near hysteria in the City, which saw in Ms Iverson a no-nonsense manager with a proven track record. But the months that followed brought successive setbacks, culminating in the loss of three female aides and a crumbling share price. Ms Iverson came to be painted as a workaholic control freak, quick to take umbrage when her decisions were questioned. There was also talk of a rift with Sir Bernard Ashley, who speaks for just over 35 per cent of the shares.

Today, Laura Ashley is again under new management, and Ms Iverson is facing an uncertain future. Like Liam Strong at Sears, she has discovered to her cost just how fickle a paramour the City can be. The prospect of a multimillion-pound pay-off should help to ease her embarrassment. It will certainly buy a few leather coats.

C&W to create 1,000 customer service jobs

CABLE & Wireless Communications, the UK's largest cable company, will today announce more than 1,000 new jobs to improve service in the cable communications industry. The new jobs will come mainly in Glasgow (700) and Manchester (200), where a further 150 telesales staff will be taken on.

The aim is to set up new regional customer service call centres. The cable industry has been criticised for poor levels of customer service. CWC, a group put together from Mercury Communications, Bell Cablemedia, Videotron and Nynex Communications, is spending about £50 million this year on improving customer service.

Coal levy under fire

COAL industry campaigners seeking a levy on electricity bills to support the fuel were criticised by consumers yesterday. The Government was urged to ignore pleas for a levy to help coal, or for any other cause, such as energy efficiency. Yvonne Constance, head of the Electricity Consumers Committees, said: "Any coal levy, like all costs, hits lowest-income consumers hardest and we urge the Government to recognise this simple fact of life."

Brewer shows strength

MANSFIELD BREWERY, the regional brewer and pub operator, overcame tough trading conditions to lift interim pre-tax profits 9.3 per cent to £11.5 million. Its managed estate lifted sales 7.4 per cent to £41.7 million, while turnover from its tenanted estate fell 2.6 per cent to £9.6 million. Turnover from brewing and brands was up 18.2 per cent at £36.8 million. Earnings per share advanced to 12.86p (11.6p) and an interim dividend of 2.35p (2.1p) will be paid on December 18.

BG sells German assets

A CLEARANCE sale by BG of non-core businesses continued yesterday with the disposal of its German assets. The company sold all of its German business to Verbundnetz Gas of Leipzig in a deal that observers expect to exceed £80 million. BG, which runs Transco, the gas pipeline network, set out plans earlier this year to sell off periphery interests. Over the past few weeks it has sold its interests in the Irish Sea and a pipeline detection business.

MGM sues rival studio

METRO-GOLDWYN-MEYER is suing Sony for $150 million (£88 million) over the making of a rival James Bond film in an escalating row between the Hollywood studios. MGM lawyers have compiled a formidable legal arsenal in a Los Angeles court, including charges of copyright infringement, unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of contract. The row springs from disputed rights to the 1965 *Thunderball* film. Sony declined to comment. (Bloomberg)

Vodafone tariff cuts likely to 'get the market going'

BY RAYMOND SNODDY
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ANDRÉ CAMARA

Chris Gent insists that the price changes are aimed primarily at increasing the market penetration of mobile phones

VODAFONE fired the first salvo in a new price war in the mobile phones market, cutting some tariffs up to 15 per cent.

Chris Gent, chief executive, said that from January 1 customers would get five more minutes a month of free calls with no increase in the rental. At the same time peak-rate call charges will be cut 12.5 per cent and off-peak rates more than 15 per cent. The package of call charge reductions also includes a 20 per cent increase in free calls for small businesses and provision of international calls at up to 20 per cent cheaper than BT's rate card.

"This is a major revamp and it should get the market going," said Mr Gent who insisted that the price changes were aimed primarily at increasing mobile's present 14 per cent penetration of the UK population rather than the company's rivals — Cellnet, Orange and One2One.

Last night the rival operators played down any suggestion that Vodafone's action would trigger a mobile phone price war in the UK. Orange said Vodafone's tariff changes simply brought Vodafone's charges down towards their existing levels.

"We are delighted Vodafone is copying us," said one Orange executive. One2One said it was happy that its charges remained competitive.

Cellnet which has 37 per cent of the market to Vodafone's 39 per cent said: "We believe our existing tariffs are extremely competitive already and we have no plans to change our tariffs.

Vodafone shares fell 15½p to 341½p yesterday. Orange fell 9p to 242p.

The pricing initiative came as Vodafone announced an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £297.5 million in the half year to September 30. Turnover rose 51 per cent to £1.16 billion — 32 per cent when the consolidation of Vodafone's Greek business is excluded.

Earnings per share rose 30 per cent to 6.64p before exceptional reorganisation costs and investment disposals. The interim dividend rises to 2.71p a share from 2.36p.

Vodafone's total customer base is now more than 4.6 million, taking account of minority stakes, and there was a record increase of 585,000 in the six months. Mr Gent said yesterday that the new pricing plan would be revenue neutral if there was a 5 per cent increase in calls and a 5 per cent growth in subscribers. Even if that did not happen, Mr Gent said, "the payoff will come in later years".

Analysts are now looking for pre-tax profits of about £610 million for the full year.

Vodafone also announced yesterday the appointment of two new non-executive directors from next year — Alan Broers, vice-chancellor of Cambridge University, and Sir David Scholey, senior adviser to SBC Warburg Dillon Read and a director of the Bank of England and a governor of the BBC.

They replace Sir William Barlow and Sir Robert Clark who both retire from the board at the end of March.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.53	2.35
Austria Sch	21.55	19.89
Belgium Fr	63.44	58.48
Canada $	2.520	2.332
Cyprus Cyp£	0.901	0.829
Denmark Kr	11.70	10.81
Finland Mkk	9.35	8.60
France Fr	10.28	9.48
Germany Dm	3.08	2.84
Greece Dr	484	445
Hong Kong $	13.91	12.71
Iceland	121	101
Ireland Pt	1.18	1.09
Israel Shk	6.35	5.70
Italy Lira	3035	2798
Japan Yen	227.83	210.30
Malta	0.681	0.622
Netherlds Gld	3.482	3.187
New Zealand $	2.85	2.61
Norway Kr	12.62	11.58
Portugal Esc	310.53	288.50
S Africa Rd	8.92	7.98
Spain Pta	257.79	239.00
Sweden Kr	13.57	12.47
Switzerland Fr	2.53	2.31
Turkey Lira	328451	308573
USA $	1.799	1.658

Rates for small denomination bank notes supplied by Barclays Bank. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

De La Rue shares rally after profit beats forecasts

BY ADAM JONES

SHARES in De La Rue, which lost their "go-go" status after banknote printing margins fell, rallied slightly yesterday after interim results exceeded the City's expectations.

De La Rue made profits of £56.3 million (£60.3 million) before tax in the six months to September 30.

The 1997 figures, however, would have been £64.9 million at constant exchange rates. De La Rue also absorbed a £1.7 million loss from the newly acquired Philips smartcard subsidiary. The shares closed at 410p, still adrift of their high of £10.52 in 1995 but up 12½p on the day.

The profits include a £7.8 million contribution from Camelot, the lottery operator, up £700,000 on the same period last year. Total turnover fell 0.9 per cent to £378.4 million.

Jeremy Marshall, chief executive, said the manufacture of cash-handling equipment for banks is becoming an increasingly large activity for De La Rue, contributing about £6 million profit, with development spend running at about £18 million a year now.

New products currently being tested by banks include cash recyclers, which allow tellers to feed money into the pool of cash that serves hole-in-the-wall machines, reducing the amount of working capital that sits idle in these automatic telling machines.

He would not say whether margins in banknote printing are stabilising after an overcapacity-fuelled fall, although he did say rivals face higher labour costs that could constrain further competition. The security paper and print division's margin was 18.6 per cent in the interim period, down from 21.2 per cent in the first half of 1996.

De La Rue received negligible banknote business from Eastern European countries in the latest interim period. An interim dividend of 7.5p (7.5p) will be paid on January 16.

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Marshall: quiet on margins

Camelot hits jackpot amid talk of rival

BY JON ASHWORTH

CAMELOT, the National Lottery operator, has turned in another bumper rise in profits, amid speculation that the Post Office may pitch for the lottery contract when it comes up for tender in 2001.

Camelot's pre-tax profits rose by 10.5 per cent, to £34.8 million, in the 24 weeks to September 13, in spite of a levelling in sales of Camelot Instants. Total sales climbed 17.2 per cent, to £2.45 billion, generating £696 million for good causes. A £20 million dividend is shared between the five Camelot shareholders — Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, GTech, ICL and Racal Electronics.

The Post Office is the largest single National Lottery retailer, selling both on-line tickets and Instants through its 19,000-plus outlets. It would face no restrictions in bidding for the lottery licence, which the Government would like to see in the hands of a non-profit operator. A Post Office spokesman said that it is constantly looking at new services and opportunities.

Camelot's sales were boosted by the mid-week lottery draw, begun in February. Profits after tax continued to represent just under 1 per cent of overall sales, at £23.9 million.

Four listed for loan book

BY RICHARD MILES

FOUR foreign banks are among bidders shortlisted for the controversial sale of the Government's £1.6 billion student loan book.

The ten initial bidders have been whittled down to four, including Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank which has teamed up with Barclays, JP Morgan and UBS, the Swiss giant, in partnership with NatWest Markets.

The fourth bidder Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the investment banking arm of Germany's biggest bank, has formed a consortium with Sallie Mae, the largest purchaser of student loans in the US.

NM Rothschild, the adviser on the sale, said the successful bidder would pay the £1.6 billion face value of the loan book, but receive a Government subsidy to offset the shortfall between the interest rate paid on student loans and a commercial rate.

Charles Keay, director of NM Rothschild, said the four shortlisted groups would have to provide bids by January 16, based on what level of Government subsidy they thought appropriate. "The key to winning will be the ability to reduce this subsidy." He added that the Government intended to put a further £1.5 billion of student loans up for sale in the next financial year.

Bidders must also decide whether they would want to administer the loan book, pass on its management to a third party, or leave it with the Student Loans Company. A Bill currently before Parliament will allow more rigorous collection methods.

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COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

Barclays can bank on Mrs Blockit

Shareholders in Sears have become accustomed to disappointment. The news that they will not be allowed to offload their Freemans home shopping business to Littlewoods is merely the latest in a chain of grim tidings from the company. But for corporate deal doers, the decision will merit more than the resigned sighs of the unfortunate Sears investors.

If he really is serious about making a play for National Westminster, then Barclays chief executive, Martin Taylor, for one, will be paying attention to the ruling from Margaret Beckett. For if putting Freemans and Littlewoods together is deemed to be against the public interest, then merging two of the leading high street banks would be unlikely to win the approval of the President of the Board of Trade, already living up to her Mrs Blockit soubriquet.

Together, Barclays and NatWest would have dominant positions in credit card issuing and in providing banking for small businesses. While it is arguable that the plethora of plastic now on offer should lessen fears on the credit card side, small businesses rarely feel that their custom is genuinely sought after by newcomers to the banking scene. The Monopolies Commission, which found that the increased concentration of credit availability to less afluent sections of society was sufficient grounds for blocking the Freemans deal, would surely sympathise with the plight of the struggling entrepreneur about to be deprived of a choice of bank manager.

The chances are that the brainy Barclays chief executive has already taken account of the likely monopolies objection to a deal with NatWest, but sees no reason to quash the speculation. After all, the rash of stories about the potential deal has virtually erased comment on the bank's rather messy exit from parts of BZW at a bargain basement price.

Spin-doctoring is not merely the province of government, so one cannot blame the chaps at Barclays if they have chosen to give the odd surreptitious push to the NatWest story, whether or not it has any foundation. But if their ambitions really do lie in creating a high street banking giant, instead of pulling off a deal with an insurance company, as some predict, then they will, no doubt, be studying the Sears experience.

This was both time-consuming and disheartening. They had to argue their case before a quartet of Monopolies Commission members, chaired by an academic economist from Oxford. Although talk of calling for a judicial review can be dismissed, the teams from Sears and Littlewoods did, apparently, feel that their arguments stood little chance of shifting the preconceptions of the committee. The chances of Mrs Blockit overruling the MMC's negative conclusion were non-existent, as became apparent yesterday afternoon.

Mr Taylor will surely not want to risk a similar fate.

Curtains for Iverson & Co

At the beginning of this month, this column suggested that those of a kindly disposition might rush out and buy a little something from Laura Ashley to help the company in its efforts to persuade its bankers that it does have a future. Alas, what business ensued was not enough to preserve the expensive contract of Ann Iverson, who tumbled through the Ashley revolving doors, substantially wealthier for her two-year spell with the company, but with her reputation as a manager in shreds.

The chaos that she has created is now being tidied up by the former Bainee, David Hoare. Ashley watchers, however, wonder how long he will have before the irrascible Sir Bernard Ashley starts to withdraw support, as he has done with others who wanted to run the company in their own ways.

Sir Bernard has been much in evidence at Ashley HQ recently, charging around the place in proprietorial manner. He and his son, Nick, have both been involved with creating new ranges for the company but yesterday Nick was prepared to acknowledge his fears that his designs might never reach the stores.

The company's future depends on Hoare's ability to keep the banks on side. He is striving to keep costs down but the mess he has stepped into will need more drastic clearing up. In particular, Mrs Iverson's gamble on US expansion will have to be speedily unwound.

Many shareholders may wonder why, against this background, they are being forced to pay out Mrs Iverson's contract: the business has as much need of the £450,000 as she does, and it would keep a fair number of loyal, but nervous, Ashley employees in work. Sir Bernard may not feel inclined to fight over the matter, since he was so enthusiastic about promoting the lady in the first place, but other investors should summon the courage to fight against rewarding incompetence.

The Japanese investors who have seen the value of their shareholding decimated might be expected to offer another route for executives whose efforts have created such disarray. Whether on choosing key members of her team, promoting the company or ensuring that it functioned properly, Mrs Iverson failed to deliver. John Thornton, the Goldman Sachs banker who now chairs the company, gave her his full support. His glossy reputation is also looking tarnished.

Energis on the right lines

At first glance, next month's float of Energis does not generate extreme excitement. Granted it was pretty smart of the National Grid to hang telephone lines from electricity pylons but the resulting service is only aimed at the business market and individual consumers are hardly affected.

But Energis is worth more than a second look, particularly if the offer — 250p to 325p, valuing the company at £815 million to £962 million — should seem likely to come out at the lower end of the price range thanks to the current tricky market conditions.

Because of an accident of timing, Energis was able to install a state-of-the art, highly automated network in only 18 months. It would be very difficult for anyone else to replicate such a network at anything like a comparable price. As conventional voice telephony becomes more and more a commodity, Energis is well positioned to offer high-margin, sophisticated telecommunications services while being almost a "virtual company". The company has little more than 700 employees and more than 40 per cent of those are in marketing, sales and customer service.

If Energis really was to start giving BT a run for its money in the corporate sector — and it has already signed up customers of the calibre of Boots, Microsoft and the BBC — then a valuation at more than £900 million would not seem completely outrageous. This offshoot of the National Grid could prove to be a turn-on to the City.

Liddell do they know

HELEN LIDDELL, the Treasury Secretary who might have driven herself hoarse, so much naming and shaming has she done, is reaching screaming pitch. Realising that the bosses of the financial institutions seem remarkably unperturbed by her behaviour, she is now aiming to have individuals consigned to the stocks, with rotten tomatoes laid on. A public flogging for those who mis-flog cannot be far away.

BOC expecting early completion of Ohmeda sale

By Paul Durman

BOC GROUP, the industrial gases company, said that it expects to sell its healthcare business "in the near future", although due diligence inquiries are continuing four months after Ohmeda was put up for sale.

Tony Isaac, finance director, said BOC expects firm bids next month. It has been suggested Ohmeda may fetch about £1 billion, although profits have been in decline since its main anaesthetic gas lost patent protection five years ago. They fell a further 7 per cent, to £44.5 million, in the year to September 30.

BOC also announced it is combining the part of Edwards that supplies vacuum pumps to the semiconductor industry with the gases business that deals with the same customers. Danny Rosenkranz, BOC's chief executive, said BOC Edwards would simplify customer relationships and would be able to offer a wide range of products and services.'

The semiconductor industry provided about £200 million of Edwards's £367 million of annual sales. Mr Rosenkranz said there were no plans to sell BOC Coating Technology and BOC Edwards Calumatic, which make up the rest of the vacuum division.

The strength of the pound restricted BOC's group pre-tax profits to £445.2 million, only £300,000 higher than last year. Annual sales were slightly lower at just under £4 billion, while earnings were 3 per cent ahead, at 59.3p a share. However, removing the currency effect showed pre-tax profits up 7 per cent and turnover up 6 per cent.

The main gases business increased operating profits by 2 per cent, to £415.6 million, on sales 1 per cent higher at £2.8 billion. Profits were 10 per cent higher at constant currencies, and would have been further ahead but for £6 million spent on new information systems in the UK, and an £11 million reorganisation in the US.

BOC, which has been investing heavily in the Asia/Pacific region, was sanguine about turmoil in financial markets. Some projects have been cancelled in Thailand, and the company has noticed a slowdown in Malaysia, but it has not seen any problem in Japan, much more important to BOC.

The investment in new gas plant — £726 million last year — caused BOC's return on capital to slip to 15 per cent (15.9), held up by good figures from Edwards and the distribution business. BOC has recently committed $100 million (£59 million) to a $1 billion project for Mexico's national oil company that will involve the daily production of 40,000 tonnes of nitrogen.

BOC plans to drop its policy of forecasting its dividend payments a year in advance, believing investors attach little importance to it. It intends to increase its next dividend by 6.6 per cent, to 30.9p a share, paying 15.5p in early February, and a further 15.4p next August.

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Taylor Nelson pays £137m for French rival

By Chris Ayres

TAYLOR NELSON AGB yesterday became the fourth-largest market research company in the world by acquiring Sofres of France for a total of £137 million.

The deal will be partly funded through a four-for-nine rights issue of 60p per share, which will raise about £59 million. The largest shareholder in Sofres, Fimalac Communication, will pay £28 million for an 11 per cent stake in the new group, and will agree not to sell any shares until 1998's end-of-year results are announced. Existing shares rose 1½p to 73½p.

The enlarged group will decide on a new name in the new year and will be run by the existing board of Taylor Nelson and the three most senior Sofres directors. However, John Treasure, chairman of Taylor Nelson, will retire on completion of the merger and be replaced by Tony Cowling, current chief executive of Taylor Nelson.

Mr Weill, the president of Sofres who will become the enlarged group's managing director, said: "The two companies are a near perfect fit. There is little overlap either geographically or in our individual businesses, which makes us ideal partners."

Taylor Nelson forecast pre-tax profits of £11 million for 1997, against £7.5 million in the previous year, while Sofres expects profits of £12 million, against £9.2 million.

Cowling: to be chairman

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Chris Haskins, chairman, celebrating Northern Foods' £68.6 million interim profit yesterday

Northern Foods up 19%

By Paul Durman

NORTHERN FOODS is determined to defend its share of the market in supplying milk to the main supermarket chains, Chris Haskins, its chairman, said yesterday.

In spite of a 26 per cent recovery in first-half dairy profits, to £27.3 million, Northern is making little money selling milk to supermarkets — and it passed on all the benefit of recent cuts in the price of raw milk.

Mr Haskins said: "We are the ones keeping the heat on our competitors and these prices. [When our competitors recognise] we are serious about maintaining market share and stop trying to undercut us, we can see a return to proper profitability on the supermarket side."

Although the dairy industry is enjoying a good year, Northern believes that consolidation among the eight main suppliers has become likelier. Mr Haskins said: "We talk to people from time to time, but they still don't talk sense. They overvalue their business and undervalue ours. It's going to be some time before there's a meeting of minds. Some of our competitors are making no money at all."

Northern's total pre-tax profits in the half year to September 30 rose by 19 per cent, to £68.6 million. An interim dividend of 4p, up 11 per cent, is due on March 27.

The prepared foods business, a supplier to Marks & Spencer, lifted operating profits by 10 per cent, to £47.5 million.

Flotation plan values Energis at up to £962m

By Raymond Snoddy, Media Editor

ENERGIS, the National Grid subsidiary which specialises in telecommunications services for the business sector, has announced flotation plans that would value the company at up to £962 million (see Commentary, this page).

The pathfinder prospectus published yesterday set an offer price range of between 250p and 325p a share, which would give a value of between £815 million and £962 million. Analysts had been thinking in terms of a £1 billion float for Energis, but the more conservative range is seen as reflecting current market conditions.

Mike Grabiner, chief executive of Energis, which intends to be the main competitor to BT in the corporate telecommunications market, said: "Energis's competitive advantages position us to benefit from the rapid growth of advanced data services and enhanced voice telecommunications."

Energis also announced a 61 per cent rise in revenues to £69.2 million in the six months to September 30. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation was £2.1 million, compared with a loss of £11.1 million for the same period last year.

The company is making a global offering of 75 million new ordinary shares, which is 50.1 per cent of the enlarged ordinary share capital and 26 per cent of the total share capital. After completion National Grid will own 49.9 per cent of the ordinary share capital and 100 per cent of the preference shares, which are non-voting but are convertible into ordinary shares.

The global offer, mainly designed to place a market value on Energis and establish it as an independent quoted company, is expected to raise between £173.9 million and £227.6 million. The deal is being sponsored by Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and the deadline for the bookbuilding exercise is December 8. Dealings are due to start in London and New York on December 9.

NIE investors to get £67m windfall

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

SHAREHOLDERS in Northern Ireland Electricity are to share £67 million, 10 per cent of the value of the company, in a surprise buyback operation.

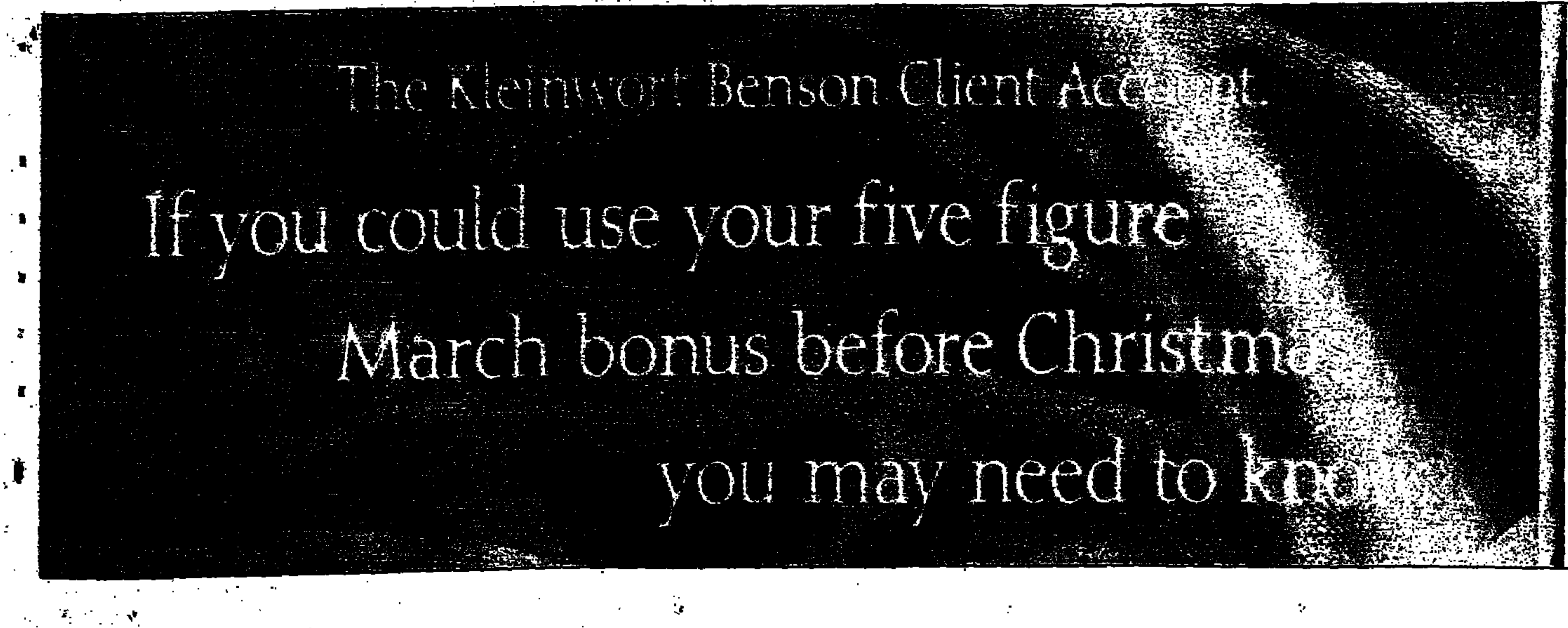
The company is to return the cash in a restructuring operation that creates a new holding company called Viridian. NIE is to use the new Viridian brand to step up its move into unregulated markets and for expansion overseas.

The restructuring surprised the City, which had expected NIE to wait for the outcome of a judicial review into the company's clash with the Northern Ireland electricity and gas regulator over a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on price controls.

Patrick Haren, chief executive, said the restructuring made better use of the balance sheet, which had net cash of £93.9 million at September 30.

For every ten NIE shares, investors will get nine Viridian shares and ten loan notes worth 47.4p each. Both Viridian shares and the loan notes will be listed and there will be a free dealing service for small shareholders until March 31. It is expected that the shares and notes will start trading on February 9.

NIE's pre-tax profits fell to £37.4 million from £52 million in the six months to September 30, largely because of lower tariffs. Profits were struck before payment of a £44 million windfall tax, which left a loss of 10.1p a share, against earnings of 28.7p last time. However, the interim dividend, due on February 16, was lifted 10 per cent to 6.05p.



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STOCK MARKET FRASER NELSON

Dealers blame quiet day on new trading system

LIMITATIONS of the London Stock Exchange's new order book trading system were being blamed for another day of relatively quiet trading yesterday, as London prices eased back in spite of steady performances in global markets.

Dealers looking to spice up trading in FTSE 100 stocks said the City is taking its time to settle down to Sets, the computerised system. Even after a 3 per cent rise in Japan's Nikkei 225 index, dealers looking to shift larger baskets of stocks said large orders found few buyers.

Now that no contact with any other broker is needed for the largest stocks, many say their counterparts are left trying to second-guess the motives behind the orders. The result: scrappy selling, by normal City standards, which saw the FTSE 100 drop 21.6 points to 4,845.4.

One dealer said: "It's a difficult market to deal in now. We put up large deals, but there's nothing on the other side." "This means we end up either holding fire or buying and selling in small amounts."

The strongest FTSE 100 performer was **Williams**, whose shares rose 37p to 390p. The shares now stand just 2p away from a three-year high, but the rise was attributed to stock shortages caused by the technicalities.

NatWest was the next best FTSE performer, up 12½p to 883p on hopes that it may be about to announce news on its sale of NatWest Markets. The shares were still 13 per cent off last month's high.

Enterprise Oil led the 20 FTSE fallers, dropping 43p to 609p on a warning that it is unlikely to produce more oil next year than this year. Traders said this stemmed from problems in finding enough drilling rigs. Such jitters went on to knock **Cairn Energy** down 6p to 491½p and **Lasmo** down 6p to 275p.

The start to the results season was the main driving force behind the rest of the day's trading, with a total 671 million shares changing hands. **Vodafone** took centre stage, falling 15½p to 341½p after it launched a series of tariff reductions. Although it denied starting a price war, shares of **Orange** fell 9p to 242p, while **Securicor** softened 3p to 281p.

A similarly cold reception was given to **British Steel**, down 5p to 145p after its interim results. The shares now stand dangerously close to a three-year low, with the price threatened as the pound gains strength.

Hubert Reid, left, and Ted Tuppen, chief executive, of Enterprise Inns, up ½p as average pub income rose

A 23 per cent rise in profits from **Great Portland** hoisted its shares 10p to 255p, after it beat market expectations. Other strong results came from **Perpetual**, 37½p stronger at £22.35. **Chamberlain & Hill**, up 25p at 195p and **Marshalls**, up 8½p at 141½p. **Enterprise Inns**, headed by Hubert Reid, chairman, firmed ½p to 261½p after lifting its average inn income by 9 per cent to return full results in line with expectations.

The recent climb in the shares of **Northern Foods** ended on profit-taking, as it fell 7p to 260½p in response to its financial results. It had climbed from 230p in the space of three weeks.

Safeway found itself on the FTSE sell list, down 7p at 394p on fears of weak results today. Rival **Tesco** gained 6p to 490p on hopes that it may have picked up whatever Safeway may have lost.

Concerns over today's trading statement from **Glaxo Wellcome** saw its shares shed 11p to 1246p. **Meyer International**, up 3p at 376p, is expected to report better news with today's interim results.

News that Allianz, the Germany insurer, has made a bid for AGF of France sent ripples through the shares of insurers. It transpires that City dealers had fancied Allianz bidding for a large British insurer. **General Accident** fell 2½p to 981½p and **Commercial Union** eased 7p to 765p.

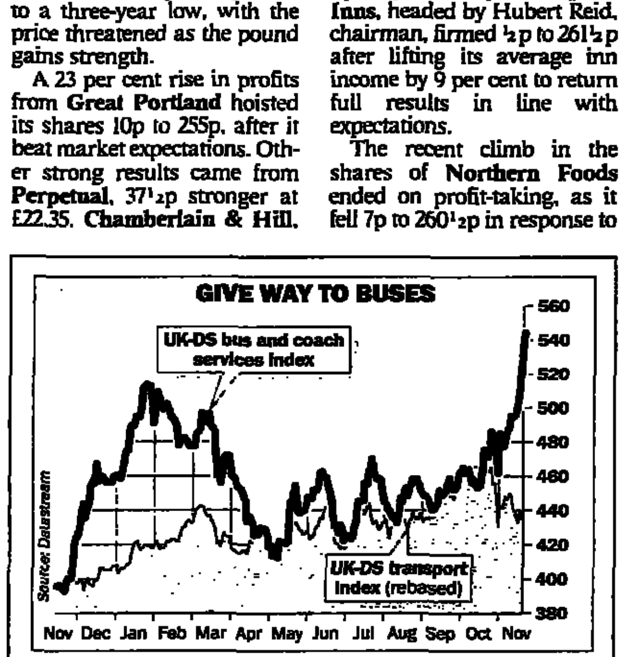
Few other takeover rumours surfaced during the day, leaving dealers to speculate over which upgrades the analysts may be pushing. James Capel was said to have gone easy on **Lonrho**, up 3½p at 91½p, remaining positive on the company although downgrading recommendation. **Arriva**, the company formerly known as Cowie Group, added 10p to 365p after Panmure Gordon said its true value was at least 420p.

On the Alternative Investment Market, **IOC International** added 6p to 162½ on talk that Merrill Lynch is preparing a buy note on the telecom equipment maker. **Electronic Retail Systems** fell 15p to 380p after returning sharply increased losses, but dealers say the fall is overdone and ignores the company's recent acquisition, where it has all but cornered the market in electronic supermarket shelf-tags. Panic selling of **Reflec** shares fell 8½p to a new low of 55p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Trading warmed up slightly in the futures pit, with some selling at the long end taking the Liffe Futures down ten notches at £117²¹⁄₃₂. Treasury 7 per cent 2002 eased £⅛ at £100¹⁹⁄₃₂. Treasury 8 per cent 2021 dropped £²¹⁄₃₂ to 116²⁵⁄₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares were little changed in quiet early trading as the market took a breather from Monday's sharp gains. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 17.44 points lower at 7,680.78.

GIVE WAY TO BUSES



AFTER a summer in the doldrums, shares of bus and coach companies are reviving as the City comes round to the view that the Labour Government will prove no threat to the new bus barons.

Pre-election hints about renationalisation had the City fearing that the likes of National Express — the most heavily subsidised bus company — could suffer from fresh regulation.

Now, as the transport White Paper approaches, the mood in Whitehall seems to favour "quality partnerships", where companies order new vehicles and in return the Government paints new bus lanes on the roads.

FirstBus, Stagecoach and Cowie, now renamed Arriva, are finding that they are needed to draw up Labour's new transport policy.

Also, if the Government has any hope of privatising London Underground, it needs all the friends in the industry that it can get. While this wooing continues, the shares of bus and coach companies will continue to outperform the transport sector.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7680.78 (-17.44)
S&P Composite	941.81 (-4.39)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	16726.57 (+443.25)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10245.18 (-174.57)
Amsterdam:	
AEX Index	880.01 (+2.98)
Sydney:	
AO	2468.3 (-19.4)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	3833.47 (+38.86)
Singapore:	
Straits	1689.01 (-9.64)
Brussels:	
General	13558.60 (+68.14)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2782.61 (+9.62)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1155.20 (+0.30)
London:	
FT 30	3147.4 (-15.4)
FTSE 100	4845.4 (-21.6)
FTSE 250	4623.4 (-2.4)
FTSE 350	2340.7 (-8.7)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2506.39 (+10.96)
FTSE All-Share	2290.99 (-8.44)
FTSE Non Financials	2333.08 (-7.61)
FTSE Fixed Interest	130.56 (-0.02)
FTSE Govt Secs	99.13 (-0.29)
Bargains	46514
SEAQ Volume	671.4m
US$	1.6942 (+0.0017)
German Mark	2.9223 (-0.0118)
Exchange Index	103.8 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4826
£:SDR	1.2306
RPI	159.5 Oct (3.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	157.9 Oct (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmt Zero	100¼	-	¼
BCH Group	199	-	3½
BG 'B'	29½	...	
Buckland Inv Wts	10	...	
Buckland Inv	17½	...	
Cresco International	153½	...	
Foresight Tech Wts	5½	...	
Foresight Tech	100	...	
Gyrus Group	147½	...	
Holmes Place	183½	+	1
Latchways (155)	170½	-	1½
Metalsrussia	86½	...	
Minorplanet Systems	53½	+	1
NSB Retail Sys	181½	...	
Newsquest (250)	238½	...	
Northern Recrtmnt	121½	-	2
Nottingham Frst (70)	56½	-	1
SHL Group	261½	-	1
Workplace Tech	207½	...	

RIGHTS ISSUES

Azlan n/p (37)	25½	-	½
Meyer Intl n/p (360)	15½	+	3½
Recognitn Sys n/p (21)	1¼	...	

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Chamberlain Hill	195p (+25p)
Williams	390p (+37p)
Philip Harris	285p (+12½p)
Regent Inns	302½p (+13p)
Great Portland	255p (+10p)
Prism Rail	333p (+13p)
Robert Walters	435p (+14½p)
De La Rue	410p (+12½p)
Adam & Harvey	340p (+10p)
Liberty	335p (+10p)

FALLS:

Enterprise	609p (-43p)
Gibbon	145p (-9½p)
Swire Pacific	293p (-15½p)
J Cropper	258½p (-12p)
Vodafone	341½p (-15½p)
Ascot Holdings	267½p (-11p)
Stanley Leisure	247½p (-10p)
RMC Group	901p (-33p)
Eurotherm	357½p (-11p)
Railtrack	980p (-29p)
Gaskell	350p (-10p)
Hays	703p (-19p)
Glenmorangie 'A'	950p (-25p)

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TEMPUS

Metal fatigue

PIERRE JUNGELS, the chief executive of Enterprise Oil, told a conference in Norway that equipment and skill shortages would send awry the best-laid production plans of the world's oil industry. He also let slip the news that oil production at Enterprise was seriously adrift of his own forecasts. Enterprise was sparing in providing further details but it seems that the problem stems from Italy, where progress has been stymied by bureaucracy. The market's verdict was a 20 per cent cut in volumes and a 10 to 15 per cent reduction in earnings.

Once again, Enterprise has shot itself in the foot, delivering a difficult message to investors in an off-hand manner. More interesting is whether Mr Jungels has made a valid point in addressing the wider issue of over-optimism in current oil production forecasts.

Statistics from the International Energy Agency and other organisations suggest he may be right and the industry could be riding for a fall. The IEA forecasts a 2 million barrel-per-day increase in non-Opec production this year, largely based on a bottom-up compilation of individual company forecasts. This has proved wide of the mark and the likely out-turn is half that level of growth. The cause of the shortfall is in part the cycle of well maintenance in the North Sea and elsewhere but shortages of equipment, the surging price of rigs and people are taking their toll. This is an industry that has cut its cost base to the bone while at the same time increasing performance targets in ever more demanding physical environments. The concept of metal fatigue may apply just as well to organisations as steel rigs. Prepare for more downgrades.

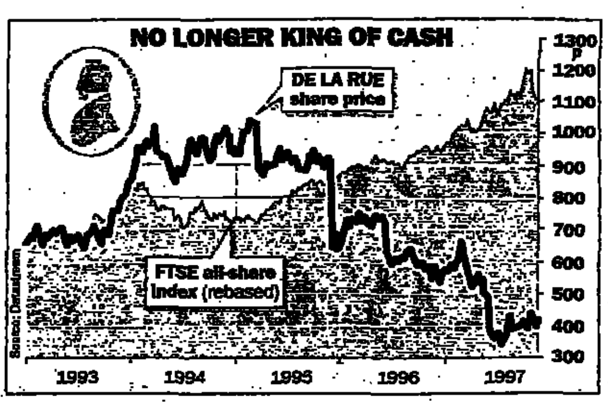
De La Rue

THE fillip to the share price was hardly warranted. Operating profits were disappointing, including an ominous 31 per cent decline in bank notes. The only bright spark was from De La Rue Giori, a printing equipment business which did a big deal in India. One-off gains from an associate will do little to warm the hearts of shareholders.

Two or three good years and lottery hype tended to obscure the problems at De La Rue and the market is now being confronted by reality. The bank notes business is volatile and despite its 60 per cent share of the market, De La Rue cannot control pricing. Less cost-efficient competitors enjoy the support of their central banks, enabling them to undercut De La Rue which yesterday boasted that it won the largest share of an Indian overspill order. At what price, one wonders?

In theory De La Rue should quit low-margin, low-tech note printing and focus on more sophisticated products, but the high fixed costs of the presses force De La Rue to bid for volume. De La Rue's 18-20 per cent margins are a credit to its strategy of manufacturing in the Third World, but it needs those margins to generate an adequate return on high investment. Indeed, spending is increasing on new products, reducing the rate of cash generation. De La Rue needs new products to grow its business long-term, but that leaves the earnings outlook poor and the shares unattractive.

NO LONGER KING OF CASH



Vodafone

VODAFONE'S three UK mobile telephone rivals were decidedly sniffy last night about the group's plans to give 33 per cent more value to subscribers. The threesome spoke as one in proclaiming that tariffs were already exceptionally competitive and no further action was required. No trace of a price war in the offing, not even a price quarrel. We shall see.

The problem for the average consumer lies in the fact that they would need a Craysuper-computer to calculate which mobile phone package offered the best deal, never mind questions of quality and reliability.

Vodafone's strategy will create friends among consumers, if enemies in the industry. The consumer can only win if the company with the largest subscriber base brings its prices down markedly. The market will be a more competitive one as a result, but continuing simplification of tariffs would also help development.

After all, penetration of mobile phones in the UK at 14 per cent still has some way to go. In Scandinavia overall penetration stands at 35 per cent and Finland tops 40 per cent. It was perhaps inevitable that the City knocked Vodafone back by 15½p yesterday, to 341½p, and signs of price conflict are an indication that this industry should be left alone.

Vosper

VOSPER Thornycroft's shift away from shipbuilding has not yet earned it the sort of rating enjoyed by the support service companies it seeks to emulate, despite a recent run on the back of bid speculation.

More than half its turnover will soon be generated from non-shipbuilding activities, such as naval training and ship maintenance. The aim is less dependence on warships. A good thing, given the dearth of buyers. The Ministry of Defence is waiting for the defence review, expected by Vospers between Christmas and Easter, and the Middle East countries have been in no rush to expand their navies, though this may change with the tension in Iraq.

Vospers has more than £100 million cash, which could fund an acquisition to take it further into support services territory and reshape further the Southampton company. Until it does so, the forward p/e of about 13 for the current year is unlikely to change much, unless it becomes the target of serious bid interest.

Given the stranglehold that GEC — the owner of the Jarrow and VSEL shipyards and the name most mentioned in bid speculation — would have on British shipbuilding, it is by no means certain that the Government would allow GEC to move for Vospers, in spite of its positive noises on defence consolidation.

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

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MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

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INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of: 5% 3%

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest 183275	Dec 97	118-02	118-08	117-17	117-21	61963
	Mar 98	118-30	118-22	118-04	118-04	1660
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest 271295	Dec 97	102.93	103.09	102.74	102.84	172638
	Mar 98	102.25	102.36	102.07	102.14	4209
German Govt Bond (Bobl) Previous open interest 21838	Dec 97	103.77	103.85	103.56	103.65	11950
	Mar 98	103.04	103.04	102.94	102.94	300
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest 124691	Dec 97	112.35	112.65	112.36	112.40	54241
	Mar 98	112.70	112.90	112.70	112.73	1694
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 97	129.81	129.85	129.66	129.84	2859
	Mar 98	129.14	129.17	129.08	129.18	641
Three Mth Sterling	Dec 97	92.33	92.34	92.30	92.31	7366
	Mar 98	92.25	92.26	92.22	92.23	12048
Previous open interest 747899	Jun 98	92.26	92.27	92.21	92.23	6697
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest 1520684	Dec 97	96.18	96.19	96.16	96.16	27245
	Mar 98	96.03	96.04	95.96	95.98	44929
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest 522402	Dec 97	93.80	93.83	93.79	93.79	8996
	Mar 98	94.59	94.62	94.56	94.58	16743
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest 188597	Dec 97	97.90	97.91	97.83	97.84	11594
	Mar 98	97.79	97.80	97.73	97.74	10470
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest 37429	Dec 97	95.32	95.34	95.29	95.31	896
	Mar 98	95.32	95.34	95.29	95.30	468
FTSE 100 Previous open interest 72178	Dec 97	4890.0	4893.0	4850.0	4871.0	7498
	Mar 98	4930.0	4930.0	4914.5	4915.5	140

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7[illegible] Finance Hse 7[illegible]
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7[illegible] Low 4 Week fixed: 7[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7[illegible]; 3 mth 7[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth: 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
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Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.61	n/a	5.77	5.81	5.92
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $303.40-303.70 Close: $305.30-305.80 High: $305.30-305.80
Low: $303.30-303.80 AM: $303.65 PM: $304.10

Krugerrand: $305.00-307.00 (£179.00-181.00)

Platinum: $388.00 (£228.75) Silver: $5.13 (£3.015) Palladium: $208.00 (£122.81)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2920-3.3013	3.2924-3.2960	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	60.250-60.440	60.260-60.380	23-18pr	62-55pr
Copenhagen	11.188-11.150	11.188-11.130	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.1194-1.1271	1.1194-1.1230	13-7pr	41-35pr
Frankfurt	2.9213-2.9296	2.9213-2.9240	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	298.10-298.89	298.10-298.45	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	246.62-247.17	246.62-246.85	52-41pr	164-145pr
Milan	2859.8-2869.0	2861.3-2864.0	28-12pr	92-69pr
Montreal	2.3942-2.3994	2.3964-2.3987	0.76-0.71pr	1.47-1.39pr
New York	1.6918-1.6946	1.6936-1.6946	0.268-0.247pr	0.745-0.715pr
Oslo	11.886-11.933	11.886-11.896	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.7800-9.8100	9.7839-9.7931	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.761-12.793	12.769-12.785	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	212.40-213.41	212.88-213.09	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	20.558-20.622	20.560-20.580	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.3768-2.3866	2.3768-2.3792	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.4330-1.4341
Austria	12.14-12.15
Belgium (Com)	35.59-35.63
Canada	1.4153-1.4158
Denmark	6.5675-6.5695
France	5.7782-5.7802
Germany	1.7248-1.7258
Hong Kong	7.7299-7.7309
Ireland	1.5084-1.5104
Italy	1689.20-1689.70
Japan	125.73-125.78
Malaysia	3.3980-3.4075
Netherlands	1.9430-1.9440
Norway	7.0295-7.0355
Portugal	176.00-176.20
Singapore	1.5885-1.5900
Spain	145.57-145.67
Sweden	7.5406-7.5476
Switzerland	1.4047-1.4053

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6931-1.6958
Australia dollar	2.4270-2.4302
Bahrain dinar	0.6315-0.6455
Brazil real*	1.8761-1.8807
China yuan	13.878-14.178
Cyprus pound	0.8485-0.8675
Finland markka	8.7425-8.8835
Greece drachma	454.0-464.5
Hong Kong dollar	13.0929-13.1023
India rupee	62.71-64.01
Indonesia rupiah	unq
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5085-0.5195
Malaysia ringgit	5.7555-5.7750
New Zealand dollar	2.6993-2.7030
Pakistan rupee	73.00 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0975-6.2325
Singapore dollar	2.6906-2.6947
S Africa rand (com)	8.1320-8.3010
U A E dirham	6.1525-6.2885

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FTSE VOLUMES

3i	627	Legal & Gn	2,000
ASDA Gp	7,200	Lloyds TSB	9,800
Abbey Ntl	1,600	LucasVarity	2,000
Allnce & Leic	513	Marks Spr	4,400
Allied Dom	933	NatWst Bk	2,000
AB Foods	656	Nat Grid	3,700
BAA	2,800	Nat Power	2,700
BAT Inds	3,700	Next	461
BG	17,600	Norwich Un	4,300
BOC	1,300	Orange	2,600
BP	8,800	P & O	1,600
BSkyB	1,700	Pearson	3,300
BTR	12,700	PowerGen	1,700
BT	13,100	Prudential	2,500
Bk of Scot	1,400	RMC	180
Barclays	2,000	Railtrack	1,300
Bass	2,500	Rank Group	2,500
Billiton	3,400	Reckitt Col	1,200
Blue Circle	2,600	Reed Intl	1,900
Boots	2,100	Rentokil	4,500
BAe	998	Reuters	3,700
BA	6,000	Rio Tinto	3,400
British Land	545	Rolls Royce	6,900
Brit Steel	7,400	Royal & Sun	5,700
Cable Wire	4,100	Royal Bk Sct	644
Cadbury	2,200	Safeway	2,400
Carlton Cms	1,900	Sainsbury	1,900
Centrica	4,400	Schroders	41
Cm Union	722	Scot & New	1,300
Dixons	736	Scot Power	2,400
EMI	3,200	Svrn Trent	1,200
Energy Gp	938	Shell Trans	17,400
Enterpr Oil	6,300	Siebe	643
GKN	280	SmKl Bch	4,700
GRE	590	Smiths Inds	1,300
GUS	1,900	Std Chartd	1,800
Gen Acc	710	Sun Life	117
Gen Elec	5,400	TI Gp	2,000
Glaxo Well	3,200	Tesco	2,300
Granada	1,300	Thames W	463
Grand Met	3,300	Tomkins	2,400
Guinness	1,700	Unilever	7,900
HSBC	2,900	Utd Utilities	1,500
Halifax	2,300	Utd News	1,700
Hays	1,100	Vodafone	18,500
ICI	1,100	Whitbread	502
Kingfisher	491	Williams	633
LASMO	1,700	Wolseley	903
Ladbroke	5,100	Woolwich	1,900
Land Secs	1,000	Zeneca	1,600

WALL STREET

	Nov 18 midday	Nov 17 close
AMP Inc	42	43
AMR Corp	117	118
AT & T	51	48
Abbott Labs	64	64
Advanced Micro	21	21
Aetna Life	78	78
Ahmanson (HF)	60	59
Air Prod & Chem	76	75
AirTouch Comm	38	39
Albertson's	37	37
Alcan Alumnm	28	28
Allied Signal	35	35
Alum Co of Am	69	69
Amerada Hess	59	60
Amer El Power	47	47
Amer Express	78	78
Amer Genl Corp	51	51
Amer Home Pr	69	69
Amer Intl	102	102
Amer Stores	20	20
Amer Standard	39	39
Ameritech	74	75
Amgen	52	52
Amoco	93	93
Andrew Corp	25	25
Anheuser-Busch	43	43
Apple Computer	18	18
Archer Daniels	21	21
Armco	5	5
Armstrng Wrld	67	67
Asarco	25	25
Atl Richfield	82	82
Atmel Corp	25	25
Auto Data Pro	56	57
Avery Dennison	39	39
Avon Products	56	66
Baker Hughes	44	45
Baltim Gas & El	28	28
Banc One	53	52
BankAmerica	73	74
Bank of NY	49	48
Bankers Tr NY	116	116
Barnett Banks	70	71
Bausch & Lomb	40	40
Baxter Intl	47	47
Bectn Dickinsn	48	48
Bell Atlantic	84	84
BellSouth	52	51
Black & Decker	37	37
Block (H&R)	38	38
Boeing	49	49
Boise Cascade	36	36
Boston Scient	54	56
Bristol Myrs Sq	92	93
Browning Ferris	35	35
Brunswick	32	33
Burlington Nthn	93	93
CMS Energy Corp	37	37
CPC Intl	101	101
CSX	54	54
Campbell Soup	52	53
Carolina Pwr	36	36
Case Corp	63	63
Caterpillar	46	47
Central & SW	22	22
Champion Intl	56	55
Chase Manhat	107	108
Chevron Corp	83	83
Chrysler	33	33
Chubb Corp	68	68
Cigna Corp	165	164
Citicorp	123	123
Clorox	76	75
Coastal Corp	61	61
Coca Cola	59	59
Coca Cola Ent	29	29
Colgate-Palm	64	66
Columbia Gas	71	71
ColumbiaHCA	30	31
Compaq Comp	66	66
Comp Ass Int	74	75
Conagra	34	35
Cons Edison	36	36
Cons Nat Gas	58	58
Cooper Inds	50	49
Corestates	71	72
Corning Inc	43	43
C'wide Credit	37	37
Crestar Finl	49	48
Crown Cork	49	46
Dana Corp	46	46
Dayton Hudson	67	66
Deere	52	52
Delta Air Lines	108	104
Deluxe Corp	35	34
Digital Equip	49	50
Dillard Dept St	37	37
Disney (Walt)	89	89
Dominion Res	38	38
Donelley (RR)	35	35
Dover Corp	68	69
Dow Chemical	97	95
Dow Jones	48	48
Dresser	40	41
Duke Power	50	50
Dun & Bradstreet	27	28
Du Pont	60	59
Eastman Chem	60	59
Eastman Kodak	59	60
Eaton Corp	94	95
Edison Intl	25	25
Elect Data Sys	38	38
Emerson Elec	52	52
Engelhard Corp	18	17
Enron Corp	37	36
Entergy	24	24
Ethyl Corp	8	8
Exxon	62	61
FMC Corp	73	74
FPL Group	54	54
Federal Express	64	63
Fifth Third Banc	67	67
Fleet Finl Grp	63	[illegible]
Fluor Corp	38	35
Ford Motor	43	43
Fort James	38	38
Fortune Brands	35	35
Franklin Res	91	92
GTE Corp	47	47
Gannett	55	54
Gap Inc Del	54	54
Gateway 2000	30	30
Gen Dynamics	84	84
Gen Electric	70	71
Gen Mills	74	74
Gen Motors	62	62
Gen Reinsurance	200	202
Gen Signal	41	41
Genuine Parts	31	32
Georgia Pac	87	87
Gillette	90	91
Glaxo Welc ADR	42	42
Goodrich (BF)	44	44
Goodyear Tire	62	62
Great Lakes	45	45
Halliburton	59	59
Harcourt General	52	52
Heinz (HJ)	50	51
Hercules	47	47
Hershey Foods	56	56
Hewlett Packard	62	62
Hilton Hotels	31	31
Home Depot	56	57
Homestake Mng	11	11
Honeywell	71	70
Household Intl	117	118
Houston Inds	22	22
Humana	22	22
ITT Corp	75	76
Ikon Office	30	30
Illinois Tool	51	52
Illinova	22	22
INCO	18	18
Ingersoll Rand	38	38
Inland Steel	20	20
Intel Corp	80	80
IBM	103	103
Intl Flav & Fr	48	48
Intl Paper	47	47
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	63	63
Kellogg	46	46
Kerr-McGee	68	68
Kimberly-Clark	50	50
Kmart	12	12
Knight-Ridder	50	50
Lilly (Eli)	67	67
Limited Inc	24	23
Lincoln Nat	70	70
Litton	49	49
Liz Claiborne	51	51
Lockheed Martin	92	93
Louisiana Pac	20	21
MCI Comm	42	42
Manpower Inc	36	36
Marriott Intl	70	71
Marsh & McLnn	71	71
Masco Corp	46	46
May Dept St	55	55
Maytag Corp	31	31
McDonalds	47	47
McGraw Hill	68	68
Mead Corp	62	62
Medirust Corp	37	37
Medtronic	47	48
Mellon Bk	52	52
Merck Inc	91	91
Mercury Fin	1	1
Merrill Lynch	68	67
Microsoft	134	134
Minnesota Mine	94	95
Mirage Resorts	24	24
Mobil Corp	75	75
Monsanto	43	43
Morgan (JP)	112	113
Motorola Inc	65	66
Mylan Labs	23	23
Natl Semi	34	34
Natl Service Ind	45	45
Navistar Int	22	22
NY Times A	58	58
Newmont Mng	31	31
Nike B	50	50
NL Industries	16	16
Nordstrom	61	61
Norfolk Sthrn	30	31
Nthn State Pwr	53	53
Norwest Corp	37	37
Occidental Pet	28	28
Oracle	35	35
Oryx Energy Co	30	29
Owens Corning	35	35
PPG Industries	55	54
PMI Group	66	67
PNC Bank	49	49
PP&L Res	22	22
Paccar Inc	48	49
Pacificorp	22	22
Pac Enterprises	32	33
Pall Corp	21	21
Parker Hannifin	45	46
Peco Energy	23	23
Penney (JC)	65	66
Pennzoil	65	67
Pepsico	37	37
Pfizer	70	71
Pharm & Upjhn	32	31
Phelps Dodge	70	70
Philip Morris	42	42
Phillips Pet	50	50
Pitney Bowes	82	83
Polaroid	42	42
Procter & Gmbl	73	74
Providian	41	42
Pub Serv E & G	27	27
Quaker Oats	52	53
Ralston Purina	86	87
Raychem Corp	93	93
Raytheon	50	50
Reebok Intl	40	38
Reliastar Fin	35	35
Reynolds Metals	58	58
Rockwell Intl	46	47
Rohm & Haas	91	90
Royal Dutch	53	53
Rubbermaid	23	24
SBC Comms	69	68
Safeco Corp	47	46
St Paul's Cos	79	79
Salomon Inc	81	82
Sara Lee Corp	53	54
Schering Plough	60	60
Schlumberger	85	85
Seagram	33	33
Sears Roebuck	47	48
Shell Trans	43	42
Sherwin Wllms	28	28
Silicon Graphics	13	13
Snap-On-Tools	44	43
Southern Co	22	22
Southtrust	51	50
Sprint Corp	58	57
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	42	41
Sun Microsys	36	36
Suntrust	68	68
Supervalu	38	37
Synovus Fin	22	22
Sysco Corp	41	41
TRW Inc	58	57
TIG Hldgs	32	33
Tandy Corp	44	44
Temple Inland	60	60
Tenet Healthcare	30	31
Tenneco	44	44
Texaco	58	58
Texas Inst	99	101
Texas Utilities	37	37
Textron	56	56
Thermo Elect	37	37
Time Warner	60	60
Times-Mirror A	58	57
Timken	35	34
Torchmark	40	40
Toys R Us	34	34
Transamerica	107	108
Travelers	72	73
Tribune	59	58
UST Inc	30	30
US Bancorp	104	104
UAL	84	85
Unitrin	63	62
US Inds	25	25
US West Comm	43	43
US West Media	26	28
USAirways Group	48	48
USX Marathon	35	35
Unicom	28	29
Unilever NV	58	58
Union Camp	57	57
Union Carbide	45	44
Union Pacific	59	59
Unisys Corp	14	14
USF&G Corp	19	20
United Tech	73	74
Unocal Corp	41	42
VF Corp	92	92
Wal-Mart Stores	39	39
Warner-Lambert	137	137
Waste Mngmt	26	26
Wells Fargo	287	288
Westinghouse El	29	29
Weyerhaeuser	57	57
Whirlpool	56	56
Whitman	25	25
Winn Dixie	39	39
Witco Corp	43	43
Woolworth	20	20
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	70	[illegible]
Xerox	75	76
Xilinx Inc	34	34

نسخة من الأصل

US and Europe play power games

JANET BUSH

The vultures are circling over Asia. Recent days have seen an intensification of diplomacy in the region, *ostensibly as the international* community attempts to put together a rescue package for Asia's battered financial systems. But the to-ings and fro-ings are not entirely altruistic.

Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, has been on a grand tour. Larry Summers, US Deputy Treasury Secretary, was in Tokyo on Monday *en route* to Manila for this week's meeting of officials from Asia, the IMF and the US to discuss an Asian economic emergency fund.

It is a mark of the perceived strategic importance of who signs the cheques for any financial bailout of Asia that it has been reported that European countries including Italy, France, Germany and Britain have said that they want representatives to attend.

The question of who rescues Asia is at the heart of a developing geo-political power game to influence the region in future. America *has long wanted to* extend its reach, particularly now it is no longer engaged in fighting the Cold War. But Europe wants a piece of the action too. It did not go unnoticed in Washington that the first meeting of a new Asian-European grouping of finance ministers — ASEM — took place in Bangkok just before the annual meeting of the IMF in Hong Kong.

Japan has always attracted naked interventionism in economic matters from Washington, which has invariably used any monthly surge in Japan's bilateral trade surplus as an excuse to tell Tokyo how to run its economic affairs. Now Japan — once the region's economic leader, but now enfeebled, along with its satellites — is threatened by financial implosion. *It is carrion waiting to be* picked over.

The focus of the battle of influence now raging between America and Europe is the proposal, first mooted in Hong Kong, of a Japan-led Asian bailout fund. Both America and Europe have fiercely opposed the idea, arguing strongly that the IMF ought to lead any financial rescue. The reason for this is obvious. America and the large European economies are the *dominant shareholders in the IMF and* can, therefore, exert influence indirectly. This is preferable to any direct intervention. Japan's power may be hopelessly blunted by its present plight, but it still has its pride.

It looks like Japan will capitulate to intense pressure and that the Asian fund will be quietly dropped or downgraded. The IMF and its powerful shareholders will determine the nature of Asia's recuperation.

Asia is not, however, the only object of interest. The tussle between America and Europe goes far deeper than this; it goes to the very heart of which will dominate the world financial system in the future. *In public, at least, the US has been* positive about the advent of the single currency. The State Department argues rather quaintly that dealing with one economic policy will be so much simpler than dealing with several. But the US Treasury is privately concerned about European pretensions, most openly articulated by France, for the euro to displace the dollar as the world's reserve currency, or, at the very least, give it a run for its money.

Most economists still regard French hopes for the euro as vainglorious in the extreme, so dominant is the dollar in international trade. But, the very fact that Europe is starting to assert itself as a bloc begins to change the dynamics of the world financial system. Speculation has been circulating that continental *European banks co-ordinated selling of* Asian stocks and currencies for the specific purpose of causing a little bit of helpful deflation and so ensuring that the euro is launched against a low inflation background with the low *interest rates that Hans Tietmeyer,* President of the Bundesbank, promised last Friday. This rumour may be nothing more than the most fanciful of conspiracy theories. But it may not.

One fascinating possibility is that China may step into the global power game, filling the perceived vacuum left by Japan, but it remains to be seen whether Beijing will be left sufficiently unscathed by the region's problems that it has the confidence to play this new role. As for Britain, outside the single currency for now, the best that Tony Blair can do *is to play at both ends of the* field. By constructing a bridge between the US and Europe, as Stephen Lewis, of Monument Derivatives, puts it, Britain can preserve London's status as a *financial centre that is "the place where* the dollar and the euro financial systems have their interface". It may prove the best place to be.

'Vacuous verbiage' unlikely to help EU jobless back to work

Philip Bassett casts doubt on whether the Luxembourg summit will achieve results

Top ministers from all over Europe fly in to Luxembourg tomorrow for a high-level conclave on employment — the European Union jobs summit. The aim is to find the route to cutting European unemployment levels, but the risk is that there will be much talk and little resultant action.

"What a goddam bore," was the verdict of Robert Reich, the former US Labour Secretary, on the G7 jobs summit in Lille last year, the precursor of this week's gathering. "Like all such international conferences, it's been scripted in advance by staffers who have eliminated anything remotely controversial," Mr Reich writes, in *Locked in the Cabinet*, his account of serving in President Clinton's Administration. "Endless streams of vacuous verbiage are translated simultaneously into seven languages."

On Friday Tony Blair will lead Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, in promoting the UK model for reducing the EU total of 18 million unemployed and bringing employment up to US levels. Mr Reich puts in graphic terms the argument between the US model of employment, with a highly flexible labour market, and the European *model of labour market* regulation. "In Europe," he says, "the 'Save-the-Jobs' party is dominant; in the United States, the 'Let-'Em-Drowners' have the upper hand now. But the result is similar: the bottom half are still trapped."

Tony Blair backs the flexibility that has led to millions of new jobs in America through the likes of Bill Gates's Microsoft

Trying to release the unemployed from that trap is what the jobs summit will be about, though cynics suggest it will have little, if any, impact on Europe's joblessness. Brussels wants to see the summit take strides towards bridging the job gap between the US and Europe. Padraig Flynn, the EU Social Affairs Commissioner, says: "Our shared task is to ensure that the EU does not remain the zone of high unemployment it has been for much of the last decade."

America has an employment rate — the proportion of people in work — of 74 per cent, with Japan's about the same. Not only is the EU's employment rate a great deal lower, at 60.4 per cent, but the gap has widened over the past 20 years, as Japan and especially the US have created jobs, while they *have disappeared in Europe.*

Reasons for the job gap are mainly structural. A third of the gap relates to young people: in the US almost three fifths of those aged 15-24 have jobs, compared with less than 40 per cent in the EU, largely because of the higher participation of young people in education and initial training in Europe.

At the same time, more older people work in the US — 55 per cent of 55 to 64-year-olds, against 35 per cent in the EU, also accounting for a third of the gap. And the final third is women: Europe has a far lower proportion of women aged 25-54 in work than the US — 61 per cent against 72 per cent — mainly because of social, religious and cultural differences, particularly in southern European countries and Ireland.

To try to bridge this gap, the European Commission is proposing ambitious employment targets. It wants Europe to lift its employment rate to 65 per cent in five years, with a long-term goal of 70 per cent. Mr Flynn says that "the time has come to set targets and quantify *our employment goals*".

But mindful of the failure of previous targets, it is now expected that most EU member states will reject precise targets as irrelevant and unrealistic. The Commission's annual *Employment in Europe* report admits that the EU's performance in creating jobs over the past six years has been "markedly inferior" to that of the US and Japan, with modest growth of 600,000 new jobs in 1996 "not enough to make significant inroads into making good the job losses of the recession".

> ‘Like all such conferences, it's been scripted in advance’

Greater labour market flexibility is the prescription that Mr Blair will give the summit. In flexible America job growth has been stunning. Figures calculated by *The Times* from US Department of Labour data show that since 1979 the number of non-farm jobs — the main US measure of employ*ment — has risen 35 per cent, or* 32 million. Since 1992, when President Clinton was first elected, the number of jobs has risen 12 per cent, or 13.3 million.

In some sectors, the growth has been even more startling. In electronic components, for instance, total employment has risen 18 per cent since 1992, with 95,000 new jobs. In computer and data processing, with the rise of companies like Microsoft and Intel, it has risen 60 per cent, with almost half a million new jobs.

This year, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, US employment will rise overall by a further 2.3 per cent, and Japan's by 1.2 per cent. In contrast, employment across the whole of the EU is forecast to rise by only 0.4 per cent — much of that buoyed up by a projected increase in the UK of 1.3 *per cent, at a time when* French employment is projected to rise by only 0.2 per cent, and employment in post-unification Germany still falling, by 0.4 per cent.

Yet Britain's solution of greater labour market flexibility, combined with minimum labour standards, still provokes opposition in Europe. But there are signs that it is winning support. The Commission is finally acknowledging, grudgingly, that "flexibility and security need not be mutually exclusive" — precisely the remedy proposed by Mr Blair and Mr Brown. And away from the Commission's rigid numerical job targets, Britain and other EU member states are broadly content with the proposals for action in four key areas which the summit is likely to endorse: the promotion of greater entrepreneurship, partly through tax reforms; methods of increasing employ*ability*, including *shifting* money to active labour market policies; improving adaptability, including modernising work organisation; and the reinforcement of equal opportunities, including family-friendly job practices.

Lurking behind the jobs summit, though, is the even larger aim of European economic and monetary union. In its 1997 employment report the EU makes the connection explicit. "Although EMU as such is not an 'employment policy'," it says, "it provides the opportunity to achieve a macroeconomic policy mix favourable to a sustainable growth of output above the rate of growth of labour productivity, thus resulting in net employment creation."

The problem for jobs is that *without the option of exchange* rate adjustment, the whole means of adjustment to any outside economic shocks falls on to labour markets. Martin Taylor, *chief executive* of Barclays Bank, heads the UK Government's task force on tax and benefit reform to help the Welfare to Work programme. He insists that European labour markets are simply not robust enough to take on this new role under EMU.

Brussels is convinced its own policy ideas are right: "Successful implementation of the employment strategy will be even more important under EMU."

Wrestling with such difficulties will be at the top of ministers' agendas at tomorrow night's grand summit dinner. With a G8 jobs summit later this month in Kobe, Japan, and another EU jobs summit under Britain's EU presidency next May in Birmingham, whether this week's summit will achieve *an outcome to resolve these* arguments must be questionable.

"The jobs summit is a deadly bore," writes Mr Reich, the former US Labour Secretary, of *another summit, in Detroit in* 1994. "I have to sit next to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer [Kenneth Clarke], as rotund as he is arrogant" — and who *Reich* says "*talks* endlessly about the virtues of the free market and the social benefits of selfishness".

For some, Mr Blair's espousal of labour market *flexibility* is no different to the Tory approach as encapsulated by Mr Clarke. But Mr Blair is convinced that the summit can help to move Europe towards more jobs by means of greater flexibility. And he has on his side the jobs growth records of the flexible labour markets in Britain and especially the US to demonstrate it.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Rate rises cast doubt on Bank's ability

From Mr Alan Wheeldon

Sir, The Bank base rate has now risen a further ¼ per cent on the decision of Mr George and his Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). It is claimed that this is necessary to control inflation by depressing demand — creating another recession in the process?

Since the election, interest rates have increased from 6 per cent to 7¼ per cent. At the same time, inflation has increased from below 2½ per cent to above 3 per cent. Perhaps it is simplistic to suggest that this increase in base rates has, of itself, created — or, at least, contributed to — this increase, and has thus been counter-productive.

For the whole of 1996, Mr George tried his hardest to increase interest rates. His attempts failed because Kenneth Clarke, then Chancellor, refused — rightly as it turned out — to agree to this. The result was steadily falling inflation coupled with a recovery in demand from the low levels during the recession.

Gavyn Davies *is reported* as saying that it will be two years before the present policy (which he defends) will succeed in achieving once more the magic 2½ per cent demanded by Mr Brown. Is it naive to think that the Governor and his MPC are out of their depth?

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Reassessment of monetary theory needed

From Mr Thomas B. Haran

Sir, I was disappointed when the Bank of England again raised interest rates, as the practice hits only the poor and *the hard-pressed. The* Bank cannot curb the demand of the rich and the comfortable.

The practice is also inflationary, as the extra cost to *business for borrowing is* recouped from higher prices.

In any event, demand (and need) should always be accommodated and this can be done without inflation arising. One of my own proposals for dealing with it — "payback law" — is to require companies raising pay, perks and dividends also to make a reduction in prices. That proves that inflation relates solely to the terms of trade and is not a monetary phenomenon.

Correct monetary analysis shows that money is actually a *credit in services of one party* and a debt in services of another, both measured in a unit of account. The concept that it is a single item is false.

I have raised these matters with the Bank to no avail. There are paramount needs, therefore, for a reassessment of monetary theory and the appointment of a minister for the protection of the poor.

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Arts subsidies and higher-spending tourists

From Dr Max Prola

Sir, Mr Harden (Business Letters, November 13) makes the reasonable assertion that subsidy for the arts in London will stimulate the flow of the *more affluent tourists, but his* argument also raises the question of who should provide such support.

Is it fair to tax people all *over the country in order to* benefit businesses located in London? Would it therefore not be more equable to ask the tourist-related enterprises to provide the bulk of financial aid to the arts in that city?

Sincerely,
MAX PROLA,
The Croft,
Ditchfield Lane,
High Legh,
Knutsford,
Cheshire.

Fallen angel

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

WELL, WELL. Who *would* have thought it? Sir Peter Davis, the chief executive of the Prudential, will not be returning to our screens in the new year as the "guardian angel" of our savings. As I forecast a few weeks back. The Pru claims the multi-million-pound TV advertisment campaign featuring Sir Peter was only *scheduled to run for one year.*

It was hailed at the time as a significant breakthrough in financial advertising, identifying the man prominently with the product. The fact that the campaign will not be rerun is, of course, nothing to do with the public and humiliating apology Sir Peter has been forced to make for his company's pensions mis-selling. Or the threat from Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, yesterday to sack senior people if they do not sort out the problem — as the Pru has failed to do. Nope, no connection at all.

Sir Peter Davis will not reappear in the Pru's TV advertisements

● *THE latest in a long line of daft corporate name changes is the deeply dull Northern Ireland Electricity, reborn as Viridian. It's verdant, it's vigorous, it's a cross between the two, said the image consultants. They only charged £5,000 for the idea. Alas, the word already exists, for a bluish-green paint pigment — the dictionary fails to mention verdancy or vigour. It comes from the Latin for green. As in the colour of Irish nationalism. Something of an own goal, surely, in a part of the world where Orange, the mobile phone operator, had to tone down the use of its name in advertising?*

Timely poach

SBC WARBURG DILLON READ — no wonder it takes them so long to answer the phones these days — is quietly beefing up its smaller companies research side, an area of the market that has gone nowhere this year. Since the start of the year two support staff have been taken on. More recently a couple of analysts have been poached. Charlie Campbell has joined from Panmure Gordon, and John Dean arrives on December 1 from Albert E Sharp. Still room for a few more on top, though. Warburg is still looking for two more analysts and perhaps another salesman. The idea is to hire specialists in given sectors — Campbell looks at building products, Dean at engineering — for a dedicated small cap team. The timing is interesting. Several City analysts are saying the time is ripe for a revival in the prices of smaller companies sector.

● *SOMETIMES nothing ever goes right. A colleague went on a short trip to Paris with Barclays this week to see the bank's new foreign exchange dealing system. First, Eurostar was delayed by some 40 minutes, so no surprise there, but it did cut into an already brief stay. Then, no sooner had the journalists filed into the dealing room when the fire alarm sounded and the building was evacuated. The culprit was identified as a smoking crême brulée in the kitchen.*

Still with Barclays, the fixed income and bonds subsidiary run by Bob Diamond that was created when BZW itself was partitioned off and sold to the Swiss has dropped the word "group" from its name: it will simply be known as Barclays Capital. Too many jokes, it seems, about BCG being a nasty shot in the arm.

Turkish delight

MY NOTE yesterday that Asil Nadir has become sufficiently emboldened by his reception in Turkey to set up another business there has prompted a *reader to come forward with some* holiday reminiscences. It was thought that Nadir, wanted in this country for jumping bail, had dared venture out of Northern Cyprus, a rogue state with few diplomatic ties with anywhere, only this year.

Not so, it seems. He was spotted outside Bodrum, one of the main tourist resorts in southern Turkey, two or three summers ago. Significantly, he was at Türkbükü, the summer retreat for politicians, industrialists and journalists. Even more significantly, he was with one of the country's best-known wheeler-dealers with interests in publishing and property. The British authorities must have been aware of his presence there. *My informant says his* acceptance by Turkish society and industry might be as well for Nadir. It seems his popularity in Northern Cyprus is waning, as people are becoming dubious about the economic benefits of his relocation there.

MARTIN WALLER

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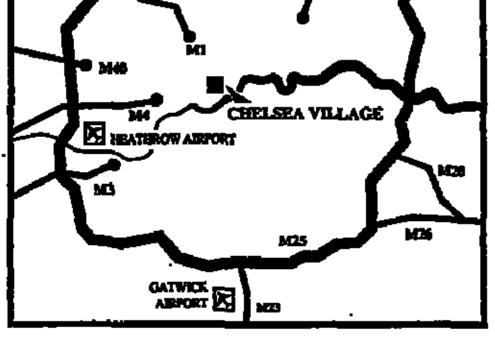

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Wider range of activities lifts Vosper Thornycroft

By Adam Jones

CONTINUED diversification away from shipbuilding has enabled Vosper Thornycroft to record a 9 per cent rise in interim profits.

Pre-tax profits of the company, based at Southampton, were £13.8 million in the six months to September 30, even though turnover dropped to £93.2 million, from £107.3 million in the corresponding period of 1996.

Martin Jay, chief executive, said that Vospers is poised to draw more than 50 per cent of its revenue from non-shipbuilding activities, such as training and ship maintenance. He said that this milestone should be reached in the current half year. Non-shipbuilding operations contributed 49 per cent of turnover in the last six-month period.

In May, Vospers and GEC won the right to operate the Royal Navy's Fleet Maintenance and Repair Organisation at Portsmouth. The contract is worth £300 million over six years and the partnership added to speculation that GEC might move for Vospers.

Mr Jay yesterday said that there had been no approach by GEC. He said: "We value our independence. We think we have got a jolly good strategy and we are very happy to go it alone. Nobody has approached us to take us over."

Vospers shares, which reached an eight-month high of 884p last week on bid speculation, dipped yesterday from 876p to 857½p by mid-afternoon after profit-taking.

Mr Jay said that the company was chasing £3 billion of overseas shipbuilding contracts, many of them from the Middle East. It currently has £280 million in firm orders, plus £90 million of orders whose delivery dates can be varied by the customer, and a cash balance of £123 million.

In the UK, Vospers is pushing for contracts that include three hydrographic survey ships and landing craft utility vessels.

Mr Jay said that he expected the Government's defence review to confirm the UK's need of minehunting capability — Vosper's warships include minehunters — and capability for operations involving the Royal Navy in international peacekeeping.

An interim dividend of 8.25p (7.5p) is due on January 14.

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Siebe sells US firm for £77m

SIEBE, the UK diversified engineering group, has raised £76.9 million by selling Wells Electronics, the US manufacturer of semiconductor burn-in and test sockets, to PCD Inc.

Wells joined Siebe as part of the acquisition of Unitech in May 1996 and was identified last September as one of the smaller companies that were not considered to be part of the group's core operations.

Wells earned pre-tax profits of £8.1 million on sales of £23.4 million in the year to September 30. Further disposals are expected.

PCD Inc makes and distributes electronic connectors for the semiconductor, industrial equipment and avionic industries.

Driving force: Frank Sytner says market developments allow opportunities to expand his upmarket car dealership

NYSE considers higher circuit-breaker triggers

From Oliver August in New York

THE Dow Jones industrial average could be allowed to fall 800 points in future before trading is brought to a halt, under new proposals from the New York Stock Exchange.

The so-called circuit-breakers currently halt trading after a fall of 350 points in the Dow Jones average, with a second intervention after a 550-point fall. The circuit-breakers, introduced after the 1987 crash on Wall Street, were triggered during last month's market plunge. Their purpose is to prevent the spread of panic but traders blamed the trading halts for some of the volatility experienced on October 27 when the Dow dropped 554 points.

Some free-marketeers were furious that falls of 4.5 per cent and 7.2 per cent, a small adjustment compared with the 22 per cent fall in October 1987, warranted such an intervention.

Under the proposed changes the first circuit-breaker would be activated after a fall of up to 800 points and a second after a 1,600-point drop. A third phase could also be considered.

The plans represent a U-turn by the New York Stock Exchange, which announced three weeks ago that the circuit-breakers had worked satisfactorily.

Gt Portland lifts rent

GREAT PORTLAND Estates, the property company with extensive interests in Central London, saw net rents rise 9 per cent, to £52 million, in the six months to September 30 (Martin Barrow writes).

The company said that Central London and the retail sector, accounting for more than 70 per cent of its portfolio, continue to thrive.

Operating profits rose to £48.2 million, from £43.8 million, but pre-tax profits fell to £15.4 million, from £21.9 million, after early redemption of a loan and costs associated with a £100 million debenture. The interim dividend remains 2.9p.

Sytner seeks £23m for expansion

By Jason Nissé

FRANK SYTNER, chairman of Sytner Group, said yesterday that there will be opportunities to expand the upmarket motor dealer in the light of developments in the car distribution market. These include two mergers of car dealership groups with a strong Mercedes-Benz bias and the likely purchase of Rolls-Royce by BMW.

Mr Sytner was speaking as the group he built from a single BMW dealership in Nottingham announced its £50 million flotation. Sytner, which owns 15 dealerships selling BMW, Ferrari and Porsche among others, is raising £23 million to allow expansion in the motor trade. The group predicts it will make £6.5 million this year, up from £2.7 million last year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TBI plans £100m airport development

TBI, the airport and property group, has applied for planning permission for the £100 million development of more than 1.6 million sq ft of land within Belfast International Airport. TBI said the development has the potential to create up to 15,000 jobs in Northern Ireland. The company plans to develop the non-operational land it already owns around the airport for a range of uses, not all directly airport-related.

TBI said it has undertaken detailed research since the acquisition of Belfast Airport in 1996 and has concluded that a significant opportunity exists to develop the land for uses such as a call-centre park, Northern Ireland's first factory outlet village (non-food) and for freight, cargo, cold storage, warehousing and distribution. Other uses include aircraft maintenance facilities, research and development units, a petrol service station and offices. TBI said that inquiries from potential tenants have been encouraging.

Enterprise ahead 71%

EXPANSION helped Enterprise Inns, the leased and tenanted pubs group, to a 71 per cent jump in profits before tax and exceptionals in the year to September 30. Profits rose to £14.5 million, from turnover up 58 per cent to £60.3 million. The company benefited from a full year's ownership of John Labatt (UK) and a 22-week contribution from Discovery Inns. Earnings per share rose from 16.5p to 20.8p and a final dividend of 5.0p will be paid on January 27, making 7.5p (6.75p).

Greenway back in black

GREENWAY HOLDINGS, the waste control group, returned to the black during the six months to September 30, and has bought the hydrocarbons division of Lanstar for £1.2 million. The business recovers and recycles waste oils and is expected to boost the Orcol fuels division of Greenway. Pre-tax profits at Greenway were £422,000, compared with a loss of £80,000 a year earlier. The half-year dividend is unchanged at 0.5p, from earnings of 1.49p (loss of 0.28p) per share.

MacLaurin at Whitbread

WHITBREAD has appointed Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth as a non-executive director. Lord MacLaurin joined Tesco in 1959 as a management trainee and held a number of senior appointments before joining the board in 1970. He became managing director in 1973 and chairman in 1985 before retiring earlier this year. He is currently a non-executive director of Vodafone as well as chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board.

Jackson talks terminated

SHARES in Jackson, the building and construction group, dipped 4p, to 51p, after it said that it was no longer in discussions with parties who had made approaches or offers. The company said: "Discussions have been terminated with the parties referred to in the interim report dated September 11, 1997." It added: "Trading is buoyant and the outlook is encouraging. The board remains confident that the business will continue to produce improved returns for shareholders."

James Crean disposal

JAMES CREAN has sold its tissue conversion business, which trades mainly under the name of Staples Disposables, to Highblack, a private investment company, for £11.79 million. The consideration is £10.49 million cash, £550,000 in medium-term, interest-bearing loan notes and £750,000 payable upon Staples's achievement of certain growth targets. The disposal is a forerunner to reinvestment by James Crean in selected sectors of the print and packaging industry.

Sabena Airbus order

SABENA, the Belgian national airline, is to buy 34 Airbus Industrie aircraft to renew its medium-haul fleet, making it the carrier's biggest aircraft order. Sabena said it was the best option to meet its economic and commercial objectives. Twenty-eight of the new aircraft will replace 13 Boeing 737-200s and 15 Boeing 737-300, 737-400 and 737-500s. The airline will also order six additional aircraft to develop its European network and has taken an option on another five aircraft.

Manpower fields volunteer side for World Cup

By Jason Nissé

WHILE football stars such as Alan Shearer and Ronaldo will be paid thousands for their performances in next year's World Cup in France, the majority of the people working at the tournament will not receive a centime.

Manpower, the employment agency, has been hired to recruit 12,000 volunteers for France '98. The agency believes this will be the largest temporary workforce ever recruited.

Unpaid helpers will hold critical posts in most aspects of the running of the tournament, from security and transport to operating the computers and running the media village for thousands of international journalists. All in all volunteers will fill 150 different positions covering 20 different types of task in a total of ten different cities.

The only qualifications needed are to speak fluent French, be over 18, based in France next summer and to be free for 31 days. The organisers, who are hoping to keep costs down to avoid some of the financial problems that hit Italia '90, are providing free food and drink and will cover transport costs.

But volunteers will have to pay for their own accommodation and will not even get free tickets to the matches. However, Manpower says that it is having no problem in attracting sufficient volunteers.

"This is a chance to be involved in a once in a lifetime activity and people are jumping at the opportunity whether they are paid or not," a spokesman said.

Only a few posts still need to be filled out of the 12,000 on offer. Those being taken on range from retired captains of industry and financial advisers working during their annual holidays to foreign students studying in France.

Ronaldo will be one of the stars in France

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 7(7) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice as follows.

1. She intends to revoke on 31 December 1997 the Class Licence to run Branch Systems to provide Telecommunications Services which was granted by the Secretary of State under Section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 ("the Act") on 9 September 1996 and on 31 December 1997 issue a new Class Licence to run Branch Systems to provide Telecommunications Services. The licence will be for a period of 25 years subject to earlier revocation in circumstances specified in the licence.
2. Various amendments have been made to the licence to bring the conditions and definitions into line with the requirements of the EC Licensing Directive (97/13/EC), the EC Interconnection Directive (97/33/EC) and for other reasons. There are four main variations between the current licence and the new licence. (i) The introduction of new conditions on fair trading, controlled services (premium rate services), numbering and number portability. (ii) New interconnection conditions have been included to align with the requirements of the EC Interconnection Directive. These conditions introduce rights and obligations to interconnect for those operators who are providing interconnection services in accordance with the Interconnection Directive. (iii) New conditions have been included in the licence for conditional access services. (iv) It is also proposed to widen the scope of the Applicable Systems that can be run under the Licence to relax the "200 metre rule" and permit the running of apparatus situated in and linking up to 20 separate sets of premises within a single contiguous boundary under a common management regime.
3. Representations or objections may be made in respect of the proposed new licence. They should be made in writing by 10 December 1997 and addressed to the undersigned at the Department of Trade and Industry, Communications & Information Industries Directorate, Room 2.68, 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SS. Copies of the proposed licence and accompanying guidance notes detailing the proposed changes can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Department or by calling 0171 215 1746.

19 November 1997

Simon Moseley
Department of Trade and Industry

LEGAL NOTICES

In the matter of Culverin Holdings Limited
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP, on 5 December 1997 at 10.30am for the purpose of receiving the report of the administrative receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 4 December 1997 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

Date 14 November 1997
RH Oldfield
Joint Administrative Receiver

ANGLIAN PROCESSORS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David Alan Rolph of 1 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named company at a meeting of creditors on 20th October 1997.

Creditors are required on or before 5th January 1998 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 10th day of November 1997
DAVID A ROLPH, Liquidator

C E WHITTLEWORTH LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Monday 24th November 1997 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1997
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
E C WHITTLEWORTH, DIRECTOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 006042 of 1997
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF BROOKGREEN LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 12th November 1997 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 14th November 1997.

Dated this 17th day of November 1997
Morgan Bruce
167 Fleet Street
London EC4A 2JB
Ref: SEH/B8064-1
Solicitor for the Company

GLYCOSPORT SOFT DRINKS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Tuesday 2nd December 1997 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr S Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1997
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M PIERCY, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NO: 11216 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
GEDALJAHU EREET

I, Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above-named bankrupt.

All persons having in their possession any of the effects or assets of the bankrupt must deliver them up to me and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me.

Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs to me.

Dated this 13th day of November 1997
I Y VENVIL
Trustee in Bankruptcy

LEGAL NOTICES

This notice is in substitution for that which appeared in The Times dated 18th November 1997.

CHRISTAL FASTRACK LIMITED
Registered Number: 3018206

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at The London Chamber of Commerce, 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AP at 11.30 am on Friday 28th November 1997 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are only entitled to vote if:

(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and

(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

12th November 1997
David A Rolph, Joint Administrative Receiver

In the matter of The Culverin Consortium Limited
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP, on 5 December 1997 at 11.00am for the purpose of receiving the report of the administrative receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee.

A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 4 December 1997 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

Date 14 November 1997
KH Oldfield
Joint Administrative Receiver

In the matter of KIM Trading Limited
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of creditors of the above company is to be held at 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, on 5 December at 10.30am to consider the administrators' proposals under section 23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee.

A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is given to me at the above address not later than 12 noon on 5 December 1997 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes.

Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me by the date of the meeting. A company may vote either by proxy or through a representative appointed by board resolution.

Date 11 November 1997
SS James
Joint Administrator.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SOLE LIQUIDATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM
SATELLITE MEDIA SERVICES LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)

Principal Trading Address: Lawford Heath Earth Station, Lawford Heath Lane, Lawford Heath, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 9EU.

Company Number 02108497

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 10 November 1997 Christopher Morris was appointed liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up). Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference NKM/JMY/APM

Deloitte & Touche
Stonecutter Court
1 Stonecutter Street
London EC4A 4TR

MAPLES STORES PLC
(In Receivership)
The Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Birmingham Grand Moat House, Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2DA on 27th November at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at 25 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3LN, not later than 12 noon on 26th November 1997.

For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at 25 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3LN, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of Clark Whitehill, 25 New Street Square, London EC4A 3LN or Foley House, 123 Stourport Road, Kidderminster, Worcs, DY11 7BW, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.

Dated 14th November 1997
By Order of the Board
Brian Fox, Secretary

Notice of Resolution for payment out of capital
FERRYVEER LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:

1. the above named Company ("the Company") have approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2. the amount of permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £81,647.00,
3. the date for the resolution for payment out of capital is November 17, 1997.
4. a Statutory Declaration and Auditors' Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5. any Creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an Order prohibiting the payment.

Dated this 17 day of November 1997
Jacqueline Green
Company Secretary

THE LICENSING ACT 1964
TO: The Clerk to the Licensing Justices, Barking & Dagenham Division, North East Area.
The Officer in Charge (Licensing), Dagenham

I, JAMES MARUS MAGUIRE, of 20-30 London Road, Barking, IG11 8AG and having for the last six months past carried on the trade or calling of Public House Operator DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the Licensing Sessions for the Barking & Dagenham Division, North East Area, to be held at The Court House, East Street, Barking, Essex IG11 8EW on 10 December 1997 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the grant of a Special Hours Certificate under Section 77 of the Licensing Act 1964 (as amended) for the licensed premises situate at 20-30 London Road, London, IG11 8AG and known by the sign of "Legends"

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if the said Certificate is granted Section 76 of the said Act will apply to the said part of the premises from 10 December 1997.

Any person intending to oppose the application shall give notice in writing of his intention to the Applicant at the address mentioned below and to the Clerk to the Licensing Justices above specifying in general terms the grounds of his opposition not later than seven days before the commencement of the above Sessions.

GIVEN under our hand this 14 October 1997
Jeffrey Green Russell
Apollo House
56 New Bond Street
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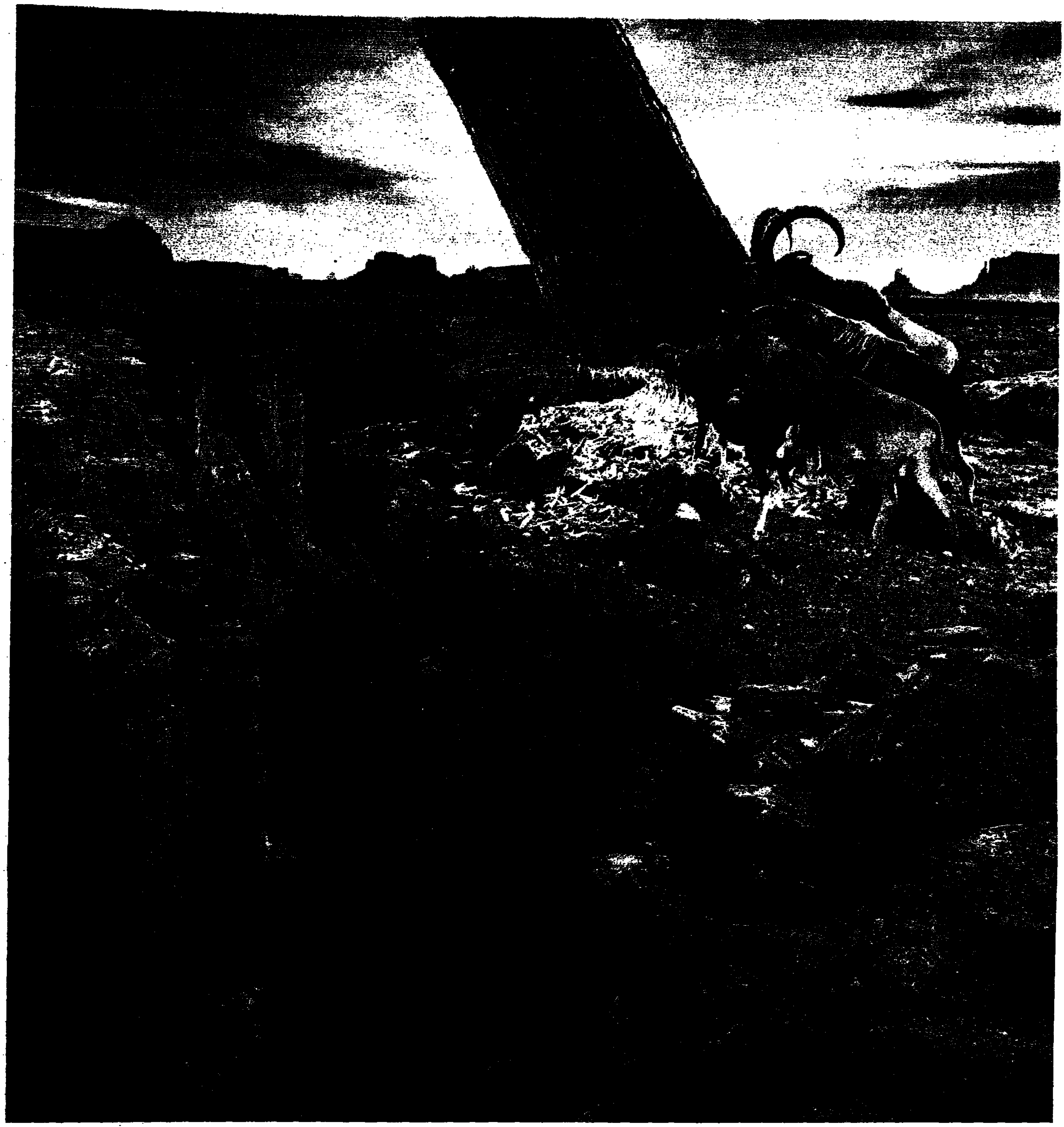

FORTIS SEEKS NEW CHALLENGES

A success story

The Fortis group consists of more than 100 independently operating companies. *It includes such familiar names in* the Benelux as AG 1824, ASLK-CGER, AMEV, MeesPierson and VSB. Each company is given the freedom to serve its own market in its own way. Consequently, differences in corporate and national cultures are seen *not* as an obstacle but as a stimulus to build on the already strong position of most Fortis companies. The result is a fast-growing, successful group which is active from Europe and the United States to Asia, Australia and the Caribbean.

Continued growth

Fortis' ambitions, however, extend further. Which is why all Fortis companies work hard to attain organic growth, often sharing experience and knowledge within the group. Moreover, Fortis monitors acquisition possibilities closely. It is strong enough financially to make the most of every opportunity. And will continue to do so, as long as such acquisitions are capable of making a contribution to profits in the near future.

This focused growth strategy is designed to help maintain an impressive record of profitability and growth. For the Fortis group and over 34,000 Fortis personnel, there are still bridges to cross. Which is why Fortis will continue to seek new challenges.

- OPERATING IN EUROPE, THE USA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA AND THE CARIBBEAN.
- TOTAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END 1996: *ECU 141 BILLION.*
- A WELL-FOCUSED GROWTH STRATEGY, THROUGH ORGANIC GROWTH AND ACQUISITIONS.
- FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES:
  RETURN ON EQUITY OF
  AT LEAST 12%
  ANNUAL GROWTH OF EARNINGS
  PER SHARE: 7-12%.
- A GOOD TRACK RECORD IN MEETING FINANCIAL AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

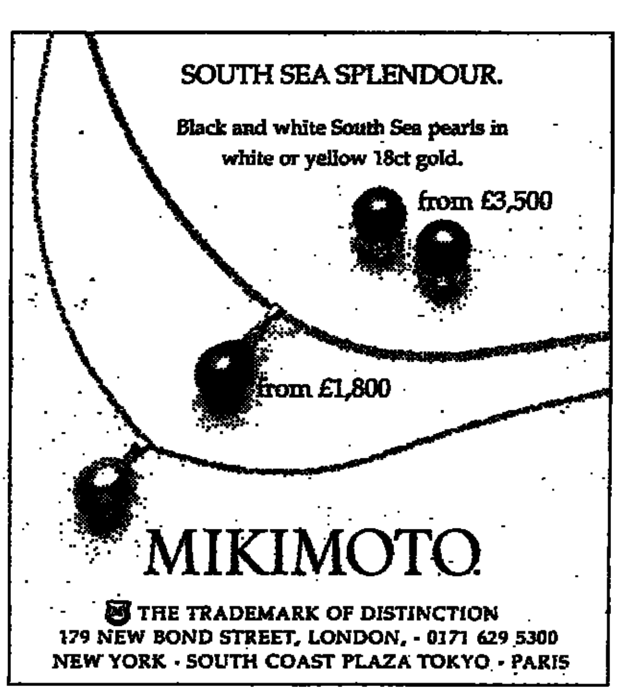
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB GOVETT UNIT TRUST LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	138.03	147.09†	- 0.24	
Do NAV to Dec 19	136.83	136.83		
UK Equity Safeguard	108.40	115.93		2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	108.93	106.93	..	
Cash	952.60	957.45‡		5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	347.50	369.70‡	+ 0.70	1.74
UK Small Cos	78.47	83.92†		0.49
FTSE 250 Index	95.71	102.35	+ 0.50	2.11
Geared UK Index	2154.81	2274.76‡	- 5.00	5.75
Income Funds				
Corp Bd	80.57	83.23	+ 0.26	
Monthly Inc	40.74	43.53†	+ 0.10	8.80
International Funds				
American Gen	280.90	297.20†	+ 4.80	.
American Strat	253.68	271.31	+ 7.30	.
JG US Index	2212.03	2330.72†	+ 7.00	4.00
European Gen	311.60	329.70	+ 3.60	
European Strat	132.59	141.90	+ 1.00	
Japan Gen	109.70	116.00†	+ 2.90	.
Asia Pacific	68.61	73.27†	- 1.37	
Pacific Strat	111.63	119.38	- 1.80	
Greater China	210.03	224.63		
Latin America	95.35	101.86	+ 3.00	
Int Growth	160.53	171.68	- 1.60	
Balanced Exempt	145.80	151.00		
Global Strategy	47.79	51.10	+ 0.41	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	800.50	861.50		2.67
General Inc	652.30	693.90		2.67
UK Growth Acc	554.30	589.60	- 0.10	2.54
UK Growth Inc	350.58	372.80		2.54
Higher Inc Acc #	1018.00	1082.00	- 1.00	4.70
Higher Inc Inc #	522.30	555.60	- 0.60	4.70
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	228.30	241.10	+ 0.60	5.71
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	95.08	100.40	+ 0.30	5.71
Nth America	416.50	443.00	+ 7.40	
Europe	421.50	448.30	+ 3.10	0.63
Brit Exempt	110.80	117.80	+ 0.10	2.37
Brit Fndmtls Acc	139.90	148.80	- 0.10	4.67
Brit Fndmtls Inc	89.77	95.49	- 0.02	4.67
Global Opps	106.60	113.30	+ 1.00	0.31
Balanced Acc	70.38	74.85	+ 0.19	2.56
Balanced Inc	64.38	68.48	+ 0.18	2.56
Japan Acc	34.38	36.57	+ 0.85	
Pac Basin Acc	277.70	295.40	- 5.30	1.61
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	140.60	149.20		6.11
High Inc Equity	211.70	226.40†	- 0.20	4.44
Worldwide Bond	264.70	280.80†		3.52
American Growth	506.10	540.30	+ 11.60	0.32
Asian Pacific	232.20	248.30	- 3.80	0.56
Assets & Earnings	327.00	349.70†	- 0.80	2.67
Euro Capital Acc	227.00	242.80		0.82
Extra Inc	42.58	45.30†	+ 0.05	9.19
General	305.00	324.40	+ 0.70	3.02
Global Opps	73.32	78.00	+ 0.24	0.41
Japan	78.16	83.59	+ 1.11	
Managed Inc	50.70	53.94†		4.17
Mastertrust	177.50	188.80		1.17
US Emerging Cos	213.10	227.90	+ 2.40	
Ethical	88.75	94.40	- 0.20	1.93
International	136.20	144.90	+ 0.30	0.60
Dividend & Growth	78.56	83.57	- 0.17	4.17
Global Gwth & Sec	77.45	82.70	+ 0.19	2.45
Latin America	71.99	76.59	+ 1.65	0.89
Capital Reserve	152.40	152.50		4.58
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	106.80	113.60	- 0.10	2.07
Equity Income #	150.00	159.50		3.92
Extra Income #	290.70	308.60	+ 0.20	4.78
Smaller Cos	102.40	108.90	- 0.20	2.02
International	122.90	130.70†	+ 0.40	2.30
ABERDEEN UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
American	75.28	78.29†		
Emerging Mkts	58.05	60.46		0.43
European	159.41	165.80		
Extra Income #	55.92	58.86		5.18
Far East Emg Eco	86.16	90.37		1.17
Fixed Interest #	27.56	28.66†		8.12
Fund Inv Tst #	175.77	184.62†	.	9.76
Japan	145.05	150.69		
Latin American	59.21	62.35		0.41
Pacific	58.97	61.91†		0.51
Property	90.33	94.83		1.27
UK Emerging Cos	70.51	76.17		1.26
UK Growth	66.21	68.96†		1.47
Aber World Port #	86.08	90.59	.	2.66
Ethical	94.38	87.75	.	0.94
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.74	50.74		7.11
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2491.00	2597.00		
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5888				
Resdtl Property #	111.00	118.00	.	4.81
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	104.73	111.12		1.79
Income Builder Inc	95.10	101.17		3.20
For Allied Dunbar see Threadneedle				
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cololctd Ocl Pens	133.10	138.20		
Foundtn Pers Pens	78.69	81.75		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
American Sm Cos	448.50	477.10	+ 3.20	
Bond	123.80	130.10†		6.43
Brit Smlr Cos	113.60	120.90	- 0.30	1.90
Europe	331.80	352.30†	.	
Euro Smlr Cos	119.10	127.00†	.	0.31
High Income #	67.01	71.29†	+ 0.14	5.43
Income	397.70	423.10	- 0.70	4.01
Japan	273.40	289.90†	+ 5.30	
Latin American	94.85	100.90	+ 3.17	.
Pacific	81.72	86.94	- 0.76	0.81
UK Smlr Cos	63.66	67.72		1.29
Japanese Sm Coc	475.00	490.40	+ 11.50	
Mngd Fd	227.40	241.50†		3.10
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	396.50	419.40		0.84
Capital Gwth	151.70	160.40		2.62
Wrldw Opps	218.90	231.50		0.95
BARCLAYS FUNDS LTD				
Customer Help Desk 0181 522 4000				
Income Funds				
Cash	100.70	100.70†		6.65
Cash Acc	130.70	130.70		6.65
Income #	675.90	721.00		4.16
Income Builder #	77.97	83.04		4.76
Intl Income	80.64	85.79		1.56
Balanced Funds				
Exempt	100.00	106.40†		2.35
500	513.20	551.80		1.91
General	385.10	409.60		1.59
Property	269.40	289.10		5.50
Trustee	269.50	286.70		1.65
Growth Funds - UK				
Capital	171.80	182.70	.	1.52
FTSE 100	123.10	130.70†		1.89
Growth Acc	535.70	569.90		1.57
Smaller Cos	60.90	64.96	.	2.26
Smaller Cos Acc	73.35	78.24		2.26
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	218.90	231.50†		
American Growth	151.00	160.00		
Japan	98.10	103.70		
Japan Acc	99.23	104.90		
Japan Spec Sits	45.64	48.34		
Worldwide	205.00	217.70	..	0.76
Barclays Investment Portfolios				
Managed Income	48.03	49.65		7.10
Mgd Gwth & Inc #	45.38	48.17		4.50
Managed Growth	44.12	47.03		0.50
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	172.90	182.60	+ 3.40	
Amer Smlr Cos	169.40	179.70	+ 3.70	
Eastern	174.60	187.60	- 4.80	0.30
Equity Income #	119.90	127.60†	+ 0.30	4.00
European Growth	462.40	491.10	+ 4.00	0.60
Europe	414.90	443.30	- 3.50	0.80
German Growth	102.90	109.00	+ 1.20	0.50
Global Bond	72.71	76.46	- 0.07	4.80
Global Growth	162.50	172.60†	+ 1.70	0.40
Japan Growth	128.60	136.20	+ 2.00	
Japan Sm Cos	88.08	93.32	+ 1.18	
Korea Trust	23.47	31.98	- 0.50	
Portfolio	166.90	177.90	- 0.50	2.00
-do- Accum	322.10	343.60	+ 1.00	2.00
UK Growth	127.60	136.30	- 0.20	1.80
UK Smaller Cos	159.80	173.10†	+ 0.10	1.90
Select Managers	91.94	98.07	- 0.30	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	100.10	106.50	- 3.00	
Special Oppor Inc	57.89	61.59	+ 2.29	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 8020				
Balanced Growth	171.31	178.45†	- 0.10	1.16
-do- Accum	202.65	211.09	- 0.12	1.16
Smaller Cos	181.36	188.92†	- 0.03	0.37
Higher Yield #	66.62	69.40†	- 0.04	3.62
American Gth Inc	132.54	138.06	+ 2.43	
European Growth	184.95	192.66	+ 0.84	
-do- Accum	188.91	196.78	+ 0.86	
Mngd Ptslo Inc	57.97	60.38	+ 0.21	1.33
-do- Accum	60.75	63.23	+ 0.22	1.33
Int Spec Opps	185.63	193.37	- 0.12	
Pacific Sits	114.42	119.25	- 0.64	0.26
UK General #	115.72	120.54	- 0.06	2.79
-do- Accum #	127.44	132.75	- 0.07	2.79
Japan	40.89	42.59	- 0.80	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	106.15	110.00†	+ 0.33	7.23
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7296				
Shor Dated Gilt	65.95	66.79	- 0.04	6.26
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0181 837 5080				
Environ	208.50	218.90	+ 0.30	1.63
UK Growth	252.20	264.80	- 0.20	1.72
UK Income	178.30	187.30†	+ 0.50	3.75
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	260.40	276.60		1.23
-do- Income Dist	146.60	155.40†	- 0.40	3.25
-do- Accum	494.70	524.40†	- 1.30	3.25
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.69	45.07	+ 0.09	5.10
Growth Units	306.90	327.60	- 0.50	1.79
Bond	185.30	194.90	+ 0.45	6.00
Intl Growth	224.10	238.90	+ 2.60	0.30
North American	310.70	330.10	+ 6.10	
Far East	192.60	207.10	- 1.80	1.02
UK Smaller Cos	254.40	272.10	- 0.50	1.06
European	106.90	113.80	+ 0.40	0.56
Japanese Growth	30.77	32.55	+ 0.51	
High Income	256.70	274.30	- 0.70	3.70
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	276.95	292.70	+ 4.70	
European Inc	113.30	120.30	+ 1.00	0.19
Smaller Cos (4-1)	109.20	115.20	- 0.30	1.89
Growth	650.60	692.70	+ 0.40	1.98
Income & Growth #	554.70	591.00	+ 0.30	4.39
-do- Accum #	865.90	921.10	+ 0.60	4.29
Japan & Gen	51.05	54.23	+ 0.97	
Hallmark Gwth	1392.90	1491.00†	- 3.00	1.67
-do- Accum	1700.00	1823.00	- 5.00	1.67
Special Sits	150.30	160.60		1.85
High Yield	1770.00	1825.00†		3.87
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	110.79	117.91	+ 0.03	2.37
American Portfolio	155.74	165.75	+ 0.61	0.73
European Portfolio	155.31	165.22	+ 1.57	0.43
High Income	54.38	57.25†	- 0.19	8.69
Japanese Portfolio	44.11	46.76†		
Pacific Portfolio	110.72	117.98		2.37
UK Equity	108.49	115.74	- 0.05	3.93
UK Equity & Bd	64.59	68.47	+ 0.03	5.18
UK Smlr Cos	53.71	57.45	- 0.19	1.66
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	893.55	907.05	+ 4.56	3.93
Inv Fd Acc	913.86	927.69	+ 4.67	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	164.07	164.71	- 0.41	8.68
Fxd Int Sec Acc	171.51	172.19	- 0.43	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	855.66	868.60	- 33.92	4.81
Investment Acc	4112.13	4174.27	- 163.08	.
Fixed Int Inc	131.52	132.04	- 1.25	8.79
Fixed Int Acc	261.28	262.32	- 2.46	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Beckman Intl	93.56	98.38†	.	5.89
Beck Bio-Tech	38.57	41.73		.
Acorn Ethical Tst	209.68	220.18		0.41
City Fin Assets	84.93	89.18†		2.97
City Fin Intl	82.94	87.09†	.	0.06
Friars Hse Cap	356.07	377.73		1.65
Buckley Wrld Gth	139.06	146.34	...	...
Shaw Utilities	78.76	80.34†	- 0.02	4.46
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	49.92	52.97		
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	96.21	102.35	+ 1.87	.
Dragon Growth	46.61	49.85	- 1.16	1.55
Equity High Inc	109.95	116.34	- 0.01	1.16
-do- Accum	165.07	174.67	- 0.01	3.16
Extra Income Inc	28.30	29.80	.	6.44
Extra Income Acc	32.90	34.65		6.44
European Gwth	77.03	81.51	+ 1.00	0.14
Evergreen	34.16	36.53	+ 0.15	
General Equity	127.05	134.09	- 0.08	2.35
Japan Growth	33.55	35.69	+ 0.68	
Pedigree Gwth	77.06	81.54	- 0.04	1.80
Pad Sm Cos Inc	41.20	43.80†	- 0.19	1.41
-do- Accum	44.36	46.94	- 0.21	1.41
Retirement Inc #	32.56	34.84	- 0.08	5.09
Special Sits	52.75	56.72	- 0.31	2.61
UK & Overseas	64.39	68.13	+ 0.35	0.54
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 888 000				
Balanced	78.53	81.80		3.66
Capital	95.67	99.65		2.00
High Income	55.21	57.51†		6.56
Top 50	68.96	71.83		2.08
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	215.14	224.13†		4.30
Long Gilt	49.15	51.16†	.	5.23
Monthly Inc Plus	56.99	58.37	.	7.55
Preference Share	54.57	56.85†		6.86
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	182.40	189.18†		5.29
Managed Fund	81.18	84.57†		2.67
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.42	54.61		1.56
-do- Accum	62.88	65.30		1.56
UK & General	115.28	120.08†	..	2.34
-do- Accum	154.46	160.91†	.	2.34
UK Growth	231.22	240.88		1.83
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	249.11	259.52		0.52
Far Eastern Gth	97.23	101.29		0.28
Global Bond	71.09	74.06†		6.94
Japan Growth	87.60	91.26		
North Amer Gth	290.75	302.90		.
Oriental Growth	58.77	61.23		0.89
Worldwide Growth	76.42	79.61		0.33
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.07	92.07†		6.41
Homemaker Fund	95.85	101.98		2.12
Quiller Fund	166.66	177.30	+ 0.12	1.78
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	39.44	42.12		2.94
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	189.90	202.00†	- 0.20	2.14
Income	84.46	89.85	+ 0.15	4.01
European Growth	88.19	93.66	+ 0.91	0.26
Recovery	200.00	212.80	+ 0.30	1.91
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1151.60	1170.00‡		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	78.99	83.76	+ 0.75	0.38
Fellowship Tst	117.90	125.40	- 0.20	1.17
Income #	320.00	340.40†	+ 0.30	4.08
-do- Accum #	884.90	941.30	+ 0.60	4.08
Smaller Cos	234.70	249.60	- 0.70	0.74
-do- Accum	293.10	311.80	- 0.10	0.74
Gilt Portfolio	110.30	118.30	- 0.10	1.34
High Inc Port #	95.23	101.30	.	4.12
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1720.90	1741.80		0.59
UK Small Cos	2324.30	2416.40		2.84
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	250.50	258.30†		
DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Dealers:0171 956 7354 Client Helpline:0800 317573				
Amer Smllr Cos	191.20	203.30	+ 1.70	.
Asian Growth	187.80	199.70†	- 3.50	0.30
Blue Chip	98.36	100.90	- 0.25	1.50
Bond Income	107.00	111.00†	+ 0.20	5.80
Euro (Ex KB)	217.60	231.30	+ 2.00	0.60
Euro (Ex Thorn)	378.74	394.49	+ 3.24	0.80
Europa Bd	38.83	40.36	+ 0.16	6.50
European Prv	117.30	124.70	+ 1.30	2.90
European Special	156.40	166.30	+ 1.70	..
Exempt	779.00	811.97	- 1.71	2.80
Gilt Yield	126.30	133.20†	+ 0.30	6.40
Global Em Mkts	73.11	76.55	+ 0.60	0.60
Global Eqty Inc	130.10	138.10	+ 0.40	1.60
High Yield	186.20	198.00†	- 1.10	4.80
Japan (Ex KB)	298.90	317.90	+ 6.10	
Jap (Ex Thorn)	64.91	67.96	+ 1.18	.
Japanese Special	137.30	146.00	+ 4.30	.
Little Dragons	77.22	80.85	- 1.02	
Money Market	102.19	102.19	+ 0.01	6.50
North American	134.10	142.50	+ 1.50	.
Nth Amer Gwth	379.12	396.98	+ 4.97	0.40
Oriental Income #	39.54	41.40	- 0.33	4.50
Preference	144.49	151.29	- 0.52	7.90
Smaller Cos	160.30	170.50	- 0.40	1.00
Smllr Cos Div	68.52	72.89	- 0.11	3.80
Tiger	196.91	208.18	- 4.36	
Tomorrows Co Ex	1105.00	1122.00	.	3.40
UK Equity Growth	58.21	61.92	- 0.18	1.20
UK Growth	765.30	801.38	- 0.53	0.80
UK High Yield #	134.76	141.10	+ 0.08	4.90
UK Index Inc	387.00	398.90	- 0.60	3.00
UK Mid-Cap	368.23	385.58	+ 1.06	1.60
UK Smllr Cos Div #	90.54	94.80	+ 0.29	5.80
UK Smllr Cos	139.09	145.64	- 0.56	0.70
KB Birchara Tst	110.50	118.80†		1.80
KB Global Inc	242.50	257.90	+ 1.10	3.10
For Eagle Star see Threadneedle				
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	24.23	25.74	- 0.08	5.44
Enterprise	120.90	128.20		1.95
Equity Income #	168.00	176.40	- 0.20	3.63
European	72.48	76.69	- 0.41	
Financial	65.95	70.07	+ 0.34	1.43
Growth & Inc #	341.10	362.40	- 0.10	2.41
High Dist #	212.40	225.70†	- 0.40	3.77
International	405.30	430.60	- 1.60	0.23
Int Cap Inc	115.80	123.60†		2.16
Latin American	32.38	34.32	+ 1.33	.
Mgd Gwth Port	93.27	98.17	.	0.71
Pacific	67.02	71.21†	- 0.55	
Pref High Inc	25.33	26.91†	- 0.10	8.69
Tokyo	150.60	159.10	+ 3.20	
UK Smaller Cos	251.60	267.30	- 1.10	1.12
Japan Sm Cos	240.30	254.50	+ 3.30	
Nth Amer	517.20	547.00	+ 9.50	0.53
UK Inc & Gth	304.70	324.20†	- 0.40	2.29
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Dlgs	123.51	131.54	- 1.41	0.98
Growth Acc	306.52	325.30	- 0.83	0.21
Income	610.46	651.51	- 1.13	5.72
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	231.70	246.50		1.05
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	108.36	114.06	+ 0.99	1.48
Ethical Tst	53.96	56.80	- 0.17	0.93
Far Eastern	223.20	235.15	- 0.32	1.88
High Income	164.12	172.97†	- 0.45	4.20
UK Index Trckng	62.53	65.82	- 0.20	2.60
Intl Growth	138.25	145.53	+ 0.20	1.39
North American	183.72	193.39	+ 0.15	1.44
Pelican	169.37	178.28†	- 0.48	2.78
Smaller Cos	73.98	77.87	- 0.19	2.18
Special Sits	88.32	92.97	- 0.29	2.83
Tst of Inv Tsts	225.74	237.62	- 0.47	1.63
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	126.18	133.82†	- 1.03	
Fd of Inv Tsts	56.55	60.00	- 0.02	0.48
High Income #	42.61	45.18†	- 0.11	11.37
Warr & Gl Opps	49.59	53.37	- 0.21	
Zero Preference	48.36	51.31	- 0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 724 570				
Family Asset Tst	114.00	121.20†	+ 0.100	1.97
United Charities	337.70	361.30†	+ 0.700	2.25
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.80
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	25.78	26.73†		5.47
Strategic Inc	29.39	30.71†	+ 0.05	5.53
Income Funds				
High Income	30.43	31.93†	- 0.04	4.92
Income Plus	163.20	173.60		3.62
European Income	59.27	63.01	- 0.42	1.78
Moneybuilder Gwth	37.34	37.61	+ 0.01	2.52
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	30.36	32.30†	- 0.64	
American	399.30	424.40†	+ 8.50	
Amer Spec Sits	226.70	240.90	+ 5.50	
Japan Smaller Cos	18.51	19.63	+ 0.44	
European	283.70	301.70	- 2.50	0.35
European Opps	101.90	108.30	+ 0.90	0.52
Global Prw	36.93	39.17	+ 0.23	0.42
UK Growth	146.10	155.41		1.25
Growth & Inc	211.70	225.10		2.66
Intl PEP	56.64	60.22	+ 0.38	1.14
Japan Spec Sits	60.24	63.98	- 1.59	
Japan	153.10	162.20	- 3.70	
Managed Intl	411.50	436.90	+ 5.40	0.62
Moneybuilder Plus	74.24	74.77	- 0.93	0.35
Recovery	69.90	74.33	- 0.22	1.94
South E Asia	145.00	154.48	- 2.20	1.35
Special Sits	587.30	737.70	+ 0.19	1.21
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	122.11	122.11	+ 0.02	6.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	154.15	156.00		1.77
Finsbury Pfl Inc #	106.60	107.40†	- 0.10	5.98
Cap Ptslo	181.90	183.40	- 1.80	
General Opps	156.90	157.00†		3.18
Growth Inc	44.31	44.66†	- 0.12	1.24
Private Portfolio	522.10	528.40		1.17
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	162.80	173.20	+ 1.20	
High Income	21.99	22.88†	- 0.03	9.93
Japan Smlr Cos	11.90	12.85†	+ 0.33	
US Smaller Cos	516.20	545.90†	+ 1.20	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	100.80	106.80	+ 7.00	.
-do- Accum	100.80	106.90	+ 7.00	
Amer Smllr Cos	752.90	802.60	+ 11.60	
-do- Accum	769.20	819.30	- 11.90	
Capital Tst	413.80	440.27	- 1.10	1.26
-do- Accum	616.00	656.30	- 1.70	1.26
Contl Smllr Cos	64.17	68.56	- 0.95	1.03
-do- Accum	68.85	73.56	- 0.10	1.03
Convertible	146.00	155.30	- 2.40	5.38
-do- Accum	330.70	351.20	- 5.40	5.38
Emerging Markets	62.34	66.28	+ 0.22	0.54
-do- Accum	62.51	66.31	+ 0.22	0.54
European	178.90	189.50	+ 2.40	0.40
-do- Accum	190.30	201.40	- 2.50	0.40
Extra Income	455.50	484.60	- 0.80	3.99

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	752.50	798.40	- 1.30	3.99
Financial	222.20	236.40†	+ 1.80	0.94
-do- Accum	238.00	253.20†	+ 1.70	0.94
Gilt Trust	63.00	64.96†	+ 0.04	7.04
-do- Accum	103.80	107.08†	+ 0.10	7.04
Health Fund Inc	281.40	302.60†	+ 2.70	.
-do- Accum	281.40	302.60†	+ 2.70	.
Income & Growth	258.60	276.20†	- 0.60	3.54
-do- Accum	432.40	460.10†	- 1.00	3.54
Intl Growth	440.40	489.10†	+ 6.20	
-do- Accum	489.00	520.90†	+ 6.90	
Japan & Gen	125.50	133.20	+ 3.00	..
-do- Accum	126.80	134.60	+ 3.20	
Monthly Inc #	229.70	244.40†	- 0.20	3.98
-do- Accum #	238.90	254.20†	- 0.30	3.98
Managed Port Inc	130.10	136.90	+ 0.30	1.31
-do- Accum	143.00	150.50	+ 0.40	1.31
Quarterly Income #	62.14	66.38†	- 0.11	5.17
-do- Accum #	75.30	80.44†	- 0.13	5.17
Recovery	305.60	327.10	+ 4.40	.
-do- Accum	361.00	386.10	+ 5.10	
UK Growth	73.73	78.44	- 0.36	1.79
-do- Accum	81.47	86.67	- 0.39	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	76.77	81.61	+ 1.36	.
FP Am Smllr Cos	222.30	237.18	+ 2.70	.
FP Asian Growth	174.80	186.40	- 5.20	..
FP Australian	408.40	435.60	- 4.80	
FP Equity Dist	531.40	568.80†	+ 0.40	2.05
-do- Accum	1212.00	1282.00		2.05
FP Euro Gth	352.50	375.90	+ 3.30	.
-do- Accum	386.10	411.80	+ 3.60	
FP Intl Bond	56.51	59.79	+ 0.07	4.01
FP Intl Gth Dist	41.04	43.77†	+ 0.34	0.07
-do- Accum	80.49	84.52	+ 0.51	0.07
FP Pac Basin Acc	169.80	181.10†	- 0.80	0.19
FP Income #	69.44	74.06	+ 0.28	4.45
-do- Accum #	251.90	268.60	+ 0.90	4.45
FP Jap Smllr Cos	173.50	185.00	+ 1.80	.
FP Monthly Dist #	84.14	89.74†	+ 0.22	4.84
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70†		6.18
FP Tokyo	65.72	70.10	+ 1.33	.
FP UK Focus	50.05	53.38†	+ 0.04	1.55
FP UK Growth	236.80	252.50	+ 0.60	1.67
-do- Accum	487.50	520.00	+ 1.30	1.61
Stewardship Dist	478.80	510.70†	- 0.40	1.37
-do- Accum	613.20	654.00	- 0.40	1.37
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	78.18	83.38†	- 0.13	5.19
-do- Accum #	114.00	121.50	- 0.20	5.19
N Am Stshp Dist	155.90	166.20	+ 2.00	
-do- Accum	167.70	178.80	+ 2.10	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	123.10	123.70	.	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	124.40	125.00	..	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	139.00	147.80†	+ 2.10	0.59
Open Cap Gth Acc	138.50	147.30	+ 2.00	0.14
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	127.70	135.80	+ 1.10	2.69
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	138.30	147.10	+ 1.30	2.69
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	132.50	140.90	+ 1.30	3.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	145.50	154.70	+ 1.50	3.72
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	349.90	368.30†	+ 0.20	1.89
Cash	49.36	50.10†	+ 0.01	5.65
Income Portfolio	80.83	85.06†	- 0.06	2.38
GA Equity Gth	270.00	287.20	+ 0.10	1.29
GA European Gth	159.00	168.80	+ 2.00	0.08
GA Japan Gth	79.43	84.34	+ 1.09	
GA Nth Amer Gth	287.60	304.70	+ 4.10	0.04
GA Intl Gth	131.40	139.60	+ 0.60	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 826 8431				
American Smlr Cos	252.90	270.5*	+ 4.70	0.12
European Gth	827.18	878.10	+ 4.80	0.54
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	58.31	61.71†	+ 0.26	3.42
-do- Accum	68.06	72.03	+ 0.30	3.42
High Yield #	52.46	55.44†	+ 0.02	7.25
-do- Accum #	62.49	66.04	+ 0.02	7.25
Income Inc	219.10	234.40	+ 1.98	3.79
-do- Accum	258.80	276.80	+ 2.20	3.79
Intl Growth	401.00	425.00	+ 1.50	0.29
Intl Income	110.90	118.50	+ 1.10	2.00
Japan Growth	393.70	416.80	+ 6.10	
Uneal Acc	137.70	146.70	- 3.00	0.20
UK General Inc	217.10	231.90	+ 1.00	1.70
UK General Acc	393.80	420.50	+ 1.70	1.70
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	67.61	72.31	- 0.13	1.61
UK Spec Sits	115.00	123.00†	+ 0.10	1.23
US Growth	227.60	240.60	+ 4.90	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	71.44	76.49	..	1.90
Practical Inv Inc #	132.13	141.32	..	3.40
-do- Accum #	328.69	351.54		3.40
UK Index	211.31	212.37	.	2.88
UK Smaller Cos	242.74	259.61†		0.36
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.67	26.80†	.	6.92
High Income	40.76	43.48†		3.27
UK Growth & Inc	187.61	200.27†		1.78
Global Bond	27.44	28.45	.	5.10
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	40.42	43.23		
Global Managed	150.11	159.52†		1.17
Gold & Intl Res	84.46	90.33†		
Global Utilities	168.12	180.01†		0.67
Overseas Funds				
American	237.95	252.07	.	0.35
European	157.54	167.44		0.51
Euro Sel Opps	249.93	265.83		
Amer Emerging	194.77	207.38	.	
Hong Kong	142.56	152.35		1.48
Japan	155.74	164.93		..
Pacific Growth	158.22	168.89		.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	153.88	153.88†		6.56
Managed Equity	283.40	283.40†		1.81
Long Term Bal	304.11	304.11†		2.74
Med Term Bal	251.94	251.94†		2.81
UK Equity	359.10	359.10		2.02
UK Emerging Cos	189.56	189.56		2.15
American	306.38	306.38	..	0.17
Japan	93.30	93.30†		
European	412.33	412.33	..	0.64
Index Linked Gilt	207.20	207.20		2.52
Fixed Interest	199.25	199.25†		6.90
Amer Emergng	429.50	429.50		
Pacific	140.95	140.95		1.98
Emerging Mkts	117.48	117.48		0.80
Index Strat Japan	98.27	98.27		0.37
-do- Pacific Rim	128.05	128.05		1.97
-do- Cont Europe	222.50	222.50		1.28
Index Strat USA	241.86	241.86		1.13
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	133.97	142.51		.
Med Term Bal	120.66	128.35		.
Long Term Bal	137.44	146.21		.
UK Equity	167.56	178.25		.
UK Emerging Cos	88.53	98.24		.
American	184.20	195.86		.
Japan	44.65	47.49		.
European	171.76	182.72		.
Fixed Interest	103.16	109.94		.
Index Linked Gilt	92.58	98.40		.
Deposit	93.14	99.07		.
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	160.93	169.40		0.50
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	733.77	780.61	+ 8.18	..
-do- Accum	832.90	886.07	+ 9.28	.
European Inc	203.85	216.05	+ 1.46	0.37
Amalgam Inc	175.15	186.33	- 1.55	.
N America Inc	502.67	534.76	+ 6.17	
Far East Inc	270.24	287.49	+ 2.00	0.44
-do- Accum	280.49	298.39	+ 2.08	0.44
UK Dvld Inc	243.59	259.14	+ 0.09	0.72
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9698				
European	675.90	722.10	+ 5.80	.
Gilt & Fixed	139.50	147.90	+ 0.30	5.25
Growth Equity	484.50	517.60†	+ 0.20	0.89
Income Trust	177.80	188.90	- 0.10	3.46
International	214.10	228.70	+ 1.80	
Japan Trust	91.63	97.87	+ 1.18	
Nth American	435.50	465.20†	+ 7.80	
Pacific	365.10	390.00†	- 6.90	0.79
Guardian	698.90	746.60	+ 0.10	1.00
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	98.57	102.27	+ 0.52	5.01
Global High Inc	93.80	97.35†	+ 0.42	4.99
Stlg Bond Pflo	112.07	116.33	+ 0.55	7.12
Cast Mgd Pflo	128.11	136.22†	- 0.31	4.74
European Pflo	149.17	158.61	+ 1.07	
World Mkts Pflo	77.72	82.64	+ 0.70	0.71
UK Eq Inc Pflo	165.83	176.32†	- 2.19	3.30
-do- Accum	254.77	270.68	- 3.37	3.30
UK Opps	486.90	517.80	- 11.10	2.52
-do- Accum	594.60	632.20	- 13.40	2.52
St Vinc High Inc	144.66	146.82	+ 0.03	5.68
UK Emerg Cos	288.20	306.40†	- 2.40	2.94
Inst UK Sm Co	394.50	401.40	- 3.60	3.20
Glob Prm Tst	137.28	145.95†	- 0.48	1.38
-do- Accum	143.58	152.67	- 0.51	1.25
Inc Share Tst	104.33	110.93	- 0.26	7.55
HK & China Tst	75.42	80.18	- 1.88	
High Provider	105.70	109.32	- 0.27	5.37
Blue Chip Pflo	284.97	298.44	- 0.06	0.34
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	63.21	67.03†		2.87
Balanced Acc	69.15	73.33		2.87
Growth	39.14	41.50†	- 0.01	1.59
Growth Acc	41.17	43.68		1.59
Income	37.59	39.88†		3.76
Income Acc	41.68	44.20		3.76
Accumulation Tst	32.89	35.62	- 0.01	2.69
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Perf Acc	52.93	56.16	- 0.08	2.71
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	394.30	421.90		0.63
Best of British	85.47	90.84†		1.74
UK Smaller Cos	163.80	176.08		0.63
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	364.00	387.65		2.89
-do- Accum #	1058.09	1126.86	.	2.89
High Income	394.18	421.37†		3.77
Extra Income #	336.68	358.05		5.76
Pref & Bond	54.53	57.45†		7.44
International				
Ethical	135.29	144.68		1.32
International	338.15	359.11†		
Global Bond	53.13	55.94		5.48
Intl Port Tst	105.46	112.78		0.44
Global Tech	265.60	283.33†		
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	146.22	156.29		1.61
European	740.69	784.99†		0.37
European Income #	104.75	110.92		3.22
Euro Smlr Cos	205.66	220.66†		0.44
European Value	107.58	114.77†		0.18
-do- Accum	116.17	123.95		0.18
Japan Trust	133.93	142.79		
Japan Smlr Cos	114.33	121.48†		
Pacific Smlr Cos	164.13	174.92†		
North American	398.74	423.54		
American Smaller	217.77	232.06†		
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0800 530053				
British	147.38	154.20†	- 0.07	1.50
Capital	222.46	232.97	- 0.73	1.21
Dollar	607.00	635.61†	+ 9.46	.
Enterprise Gth	485.00	507.85	- 0.68	0.96
European	322.97	338.07	+ 3.06	.
Far East	200.84	210.30	- 4.35	2.75
Financial	1308.07	1362.71	+ 7.09	1.51
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.04	29.18†	+ 0.05	6.37
High Yield #	134.47	140.81	- 0.75	4.18
Income & Growth #	195.52	204.73†	- 0.08	3.16
International	313.96	328.76	+ 3.15	0.62
Japanese General	150.29	157.37	+ 3.71	
Japan Tech	68.81	72.05	+ 2.12	
Nat Resources	60.13	62.96	- 0.16	1.21
Portfolio	93.09	97.48	+ 0.22	1.63
Special Sits	237.90	249.11	- 0.33	0.28
UK Emerging Cos	133.22	139.50	- 0.79	1.11
US Smaller Cos	187.51	196.35	- 1.79	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	771.70	823.40	- 0.40	4.38
UK Growth	799.20	851.40†	- 0.40	1.29
High Income #	137.80	147.00†	- 0.20	5.71
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	780.60	831.30	+ 15.30	
European Gwth	185.40	197.20	+ 2.50	
Japan Gwth	222.80	236.70†	+ 3.60	.
Japan Smllr Cos	19.87	21.21	+ 0.21	
Asian	37.96	40.51	- 0.99	0.33

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Sing & Malay Gwth	46.35	49.47	- 2.15	...
Hong Kong Gwth	149.00	158.80	- 2.80	0.38
Global Bond	20.57	21.87	- 0.01	4.52
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	199.60	200.60	- 0.20	2.77
Trivia Index	138.40	140.10		2.06
THE FOOTSIE FUND	80.60	81.00	- 0.17	2.20
Index Funds-International				
American Index	373.40	375.30	+ 5.80	0.58
Eurotrack 100	236.20	237.40	+ 2.50	1.04
Japan Index	52.85	53.22	+ 0.82	0.23
Tiger Index	100.70	103.10	- 2.30	1.50
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	52.11	54.42	- 0.28	1.75
General Funds				
Managed Dist	92.97	97.10†	+ 0.58	1.14
Managed	96.75	101.00†	+ 0.60	1.14
Report Chld Fnd	127.00	132.38	- 0.48	1.67
UK Growth	81.37	84.98†	- 0.05	1.58
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	103.00	107.60	- 0.10	4.99
Gilt & Fixed Int #	28.53	29.48	+ 0.04	7.37
UK Inc & Gwth	56.79	59.31†	+ 0.07	2.68
UK Income #	437.30	456.70†	- 2.50	3.92
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	76.20	78.90	+ 1.43	..
Amer Smllr Cos	194.48	202.70	+ 3.90	..
-do- Accum	196.50	204.80	+ 3.70	
Europe Gth	276.30	287.70	+ 4.20	
-do- Accum	286.20	298.10	+ 4.50	..
Euro Smaller Cos	49.66	51.70†	+ 0.53	..
French Growth	104.20	108.30	+ 0.40	0.58
-do- Accum	112.80	117.20	+ 0.60	0.58
H Kong & China	101.60	105.90	- 2.00	0.59
Intl Growth	72.21	75.22†	+ 0.86	0.45
-do- Accum	73.68	76.74†	+ 0.87	0.46
Japan Gth	20.85	21.73	+ 0.38	.
-do- Accum	20.85	21.73	+ 0.36	
Japan Smaller Cos	20.48	21.38	+ 0.38	
Glob Emg Mkts	83.41	87.11	+ 0.98	0.82
-do- Accum	84.00	87.73	+ 0.99	0.02
SE Asia	211.30	220.70	- 5.00	1.11
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	48.56	50.08†	+ 0.03	8.27
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
UK Income #	127.80	135.20†		3.02
UK Growth	132.20	139.90†	..	1.51
Euro Growth	110.10	115.50	.	1.93
Slater Gwth	223.70	238.60‡		0.84
New Japan	53.57	56.55		..
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	192.90	205.10	+ 0.70	
Income #	266.80	283.63	- 0.20	3.96
UK Growth	98.68	104.98	- 0.20	2.19
Intl Growth	90.88	96.67	+ 0.74	0.46
Ecology	113.43	120.66†	- 0.22	0.71
European	235.95	251.01	+ 1.40	0.52
Far Eastern	247.40	263.00	+ 7.10	...
UK Special Sits	65.48	69.64†	- 0.24	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.00	60.79†	- 0.10	0.44
High Income #	58.50	62.40†	- 0.10	4.84
Financial Opps	49.70	53.01†	+ 0.15	...
For Kleinwort Benson see Dresdner RCM				
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	360.76	383.79†	- 1.46	4.67
Ext Growth	112.26	119.43†	+ 0.14	0.55
Inc & Growth	82.19	87.44	- 0.35	3.42
Smaller Cos	104.12	110.77†	- 0.34	1.47
Ever Spec Sit Inc	62.80	66.81†	+ 0.18	1.78
Ever Spec Sit Acc	66.48	70.72†	+ 0.18	1.78
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	536.30	569.90	+ 0.80	1.53
UK Inc/Gth #	575.00	610.10	- 0.10	3.15
UK Income #	405.60	430.30†	+ 0.20	4.10
UK Sm Cos	329.70	352.60	- 0.60	1.85
Euro Gwth	182.70	193.20†	+ 1.30	0.15
N Amer Gwth	146.00	154.80	+ 2.60	
Pacific Growth	6.66	7.25	- 0.11	0.65
Emg Mkts Gwth	67.38	71.49	+ 1.03	
Japan Growth	44.05	46.72	+ 0.84	
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Gwth Port Inc	77.95	82.43	+ 0.89	0.64
Gwth Port Acc	79.63	84.20	+ 0.90	0.63
Inc Port Inc	72.45	76.62†	+ 0.67	3.56
Inc Port Acc	83.54	88.35†	+ 0.77	3.43
Wwide Port	60.88	64.38	+ 0.81	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 683512				
Equity Dist @	699.20	699.20	- 1.18	2.02
-do- Accum @	1478.00	1478.00	- 2.00	2.02
Equity Income #	121.20	121.20	- 0.50	4.55
UK Tactical Allocn @	89.26	89.26	- 0.34	5.76
European @	170.40	170.40	+ 1.70	0.08
Far Eastern @	161.00	161.00	- 0.80	.
Fixed Interest @	58.23	58.23	- 0.06	7.33
Gilt @	96.54	96.54†	+ 0.20	6.08
Global Growth @	80.53	80.53	+ 0.58	0.01
Intl Bond @	48.13	48.13	+ 0.03	5.57

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	254.10	268.70	+ 0.30	3.37
Gilt Income	66.78	68.90†	+ 0.13	6.10
-do- Accum	216.55	216.93†	+ 0.42	6.10
Gold	38.97	41.10	- 0.60	0.97
-do- Accum	46.80	49.60	- 0.70	0.97
High Income	39.20	41.50	..	4.35
-do- Accum	174.50	184.50	- 0.30	4.35
Intl Growth	87.30	92.30	+ 0.70	0.84
-do- Accum	155.50	164.40	+ 1.20	0.84
International Inc	121.40	128.40†	+ 0.40	4.21
-do- Accum	201.60	213.30†	+ 0.80	4.21
Japan & Gen	25.48	26.80†	+ 0.20	0.03
-do- Accum	27.30	28.70†	+ 0.20	0.03
Japan Smlr Cos	86.90	91.50†	+ 0.70	..
-do- Accum	87.30	92.10†	+ 0.70	..
Managed Gwth	28.20	29.80	.	1.54
Managed Income	33.68	35.38†		4.32
Midland	64.70	68.48†	- 0.20	2.91
-do- Accum	233.40	246.70†	- 0.80	2.91
Pension Ex	1254.50	1285.90†	+ 0.60	3.45
Recovery	53.50	56.60	- 0.10	2.79
-do- Accum	94.20	99.80	- 0.20	2.79
Second General	82.90	87.70	...	3.85
-do- Accum	232.40	245.80		3.85
Smaller Cos	68.00	71.90	- 0.30	2.74
-do- Accum	144.60	152.90	- 0.60	2.74
Sth East Asia	260.10	275.10	- 6.20	2.06
-do- Accum	351.90	372.20	- 8.50	2.06
Treasury	25.05	25.15†	+ 0.01	6.94
Trustee	50.60	53.50†	+ 0.10	4.69
-do- Accum	229.60	243.10†	+ 0.40	4.69
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	123.10	130.95†	+ 1.18	0.60
Intl Bond	60.22	63.25†	+ 0.20	3.36
Intl Equity Growth	91.35	96.95†	+ 0.84	0.80
N Amer Growth	168.74	178.55	+ 2.89	0.64
Special Sits Growth	32.86	34.95	..	2.13
UK Growth	542.41	577.03†	+ 0.66	2.48
-do- Accum	764.84	813.65	+ 0.92	2.48
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1409.50	1429.90†	..	3.00
Income #	1129.20	1146.60	...	4.50
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	182.30	186.40	...	3.63
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	100.50	103.60†	+ 0.10	6.48
Investment Pflo	199.50	205.70	+ 0.50	2.18
-do- Accum	241.80	249.20	+ 0.50	2.18
UK Select Pflo	187.60	193.40	- 0.30	2.04
-do- Accum	230.80	237.90	- 0.40	2.04
UK 100 Cos	143.00	143.00	- 0.20	2.28
-do- Accum	148.70	148.70	- 0.30	2.28
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	75.61	80.44	..	3.26
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	95.61	101.50	...	4.29
European	119.68	127.00	+ 1.10	0.27
Income #	95.72	101.60†	+ 0.30	4.32
Nth American	123.10	130.70	+ 1.78	0.08
Far East	141.59	150.20	- 0.50	
Japan	52.05	55.26	+ 0.64	
Emging Mkts	80.42	86.01	+ 1.18	0.64
Intl Growth	137.60	146.10†	+ 1.50	0.55
UK Growth	138.90	147.40†		2.62
UK Smlr Co	66.27	70.35†	+ 0.10	1.76
Asia Pacific	28.18	30.14	- 0.34	0.96
Glob Gwth PEP	69.33	73.59†	+ 0.48	0.83
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	105.40	112.20†	+ 2.30	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	556.41	591.93	- 0.14	3.14
Global Inc	86.29	91.80	+ 0.47	2.72
Brit Leaders Inc	436.51	464.37	- 0.59	1.72
Intl Leaders	269.50	286.70	+ 4.13	0.98
PAM Mg Bal Grth	72.33	75.30	+ 0.88	0.22
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	348.00	366.70†	+ 5.400	..
-do- Accum	372.10	392.10†	+ 5.800	..
American Opps	140.20	148.80†	+ 1.600	...
-do- Accum	141.90	150.50†	+ 1.700	...
British Blue Chip	115.60	123.00†	+ 0.100	2.45
-do- Accum	153.76	163.20†	+ 0.200	2.45
Cash	100.50	100.50	..	6.74
-do- Accum	158.20	158.20		6.74
Emerging Mkts	125.28	134.60	+ 1.900	0.23
-do- Accum	126.90	136.50	+ 1.900	0.23
European Growth	383.10	405.70	+ 3.100	0.13
-do- Accum	418.10	442.70	+ 3.300	0.13
European Income	99.12	104.60	+ 0.500	3.87
-do- Accum	149.30	157.90	+ 0.700	3.87
General	680.60	724.30	+ 0.200	2.22
-do- Accum	1420.98	1512.00		2.22
Global Bond	125.80	131.90	+ 0.480	4.73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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japanese @	53.56	53.56†	+ 0.82	.
North American @	278.30	278.30	+ 4.10	
Pacific Growth @	78.66	78.66†	- 1.61	0.37
Pacific Index @	32.36	32.36†	- 0.72	3.00
UK Index @	90.80	90.95†	- 0.20	2.63
UK Recovery @	131.30	131.30†	- 0.10	1.43
UK Smaller Cos @	179.50	179.50	- 0.20	1.89
US Index @	107.90	107.90	+ 1.80	0.75
European Index @	107.90	107.90	+ 0.90	1.07
Japan Index @	27.16	27.16	+ 0.39	
Worldwide @	107.00	107.00†	+ 0.20	1.10
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 523				
Growth	66.79	71.42	+ 0.14	2.13
Income	79.34	84.85	+ 0.02	3.56
Far East	32.14	34.37	- 0.10	
North American	161.30	172.55	- 2.50	
Global	90.12	96.32	+ 0.77	0.33
European	117.16	124.70	+ 3.70	0.64
Japan	65.21	69.57	- 1.48	
Intl Currency Bd	[illegible]	58.58†		5.03
SE Asia	52.80	57.16	- 1.22	0.64
UK Cap Growth	113.70	125.90		1.85
Recovery Trust	97.71	104.53†	- 0.40	1.93
Managed	73.90	79.03	- 0.13	1.63
Cash	51.79	51.79		6.68
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01524 834 313				
Balanced	432.80	513.72†		1.95
-do- Accum	1174.30	1249.30		1.95
Contl Euro Gth	91.55	98.37†		0.02
-do- Accum	95.08	104.30		0.02
Extra Inc #	342.30	364.20†		3.53
Extra Inc Acc #	986.00	1049.00	.	3.53
FTSE 100 Inc	149.13	158.79		2.17
FTSE 100 Acc	158.30	169.10		2.12
German Gth	162.40	171.30		0.09
-do- Accum	170.30	179.30		0.09
Growth Port	733.50	780.10		0.72
-do- Accum	771.60	822.25	..	0.28
High Interest Inc	128.20	[illegible]		6.92
High Interest Acc	121.60	126.10		6.82
Hi Reserve Inc #	119.40	127.10†		5.39
Hi Reserve Acc #	137.30	146.90		5.38
Income Inc #	667.70	710.40†		3.08
Income Acc #	1963.00	2089.00		3.08
Income Port	654.20	696.00†		3.95
-do- Accum	766.70	815.70		3.95
Japan Growth	74.58	79.35		.
-do- Accum	74.94	79.67		
Master Trust	74.26	78.97		1.20
-do- Accum	87.24	92.91		1.25
Millennium Acc	111.40	118.60		2.07
N American Gen	258.00	277.10		0.02
-do- Accum	344.90	367.30		0.02
NAm Sm Co Acc	226.80	241.30		
-do- Accum	231.90	246.50		
Pacific Basin	170.30	181.10		0.07
-do- Accum	177.50	193.10		0.07
Safety First Acc	112.70	119.70		1.48
Co until 3/10/98 ‡	109.20			
Small Cos Acc	527.00	565.30†		1.99
-do- Accum	794.10	792.90		1.99
UK Eq Gth	134.40	136.30		2.34
UK Eq Inc #	156.20	166.30		2.71
UK Growth	175.30	187.00		1.69
-do- Accum	153.50	163.70		1.60
Worldwide Gth	377.50	402.10		0.93
-do- Accum	559.00	594.70		0.59
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	111.73	113.50	- 1.92	0.30
General	126.20	135.54†	- 3.13	2.30
Income	85.97	92.12	- 0.11	4.30
International	75.79	81.31	- 0.73	0.40
Japan	42.69	45.36	- 0.37	..
Fst of Inv Trusts	60.73	66.67†	- 0.07	1.10
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	621.10	655.50	+ 8.10	0.37
-do- Accum	778.70	822.30	- 10.30	0.37
Amer Recovery	320.60	346.50†	+ 10.30	0.15
-do- Accum	526.00	573.20†	+ 11.30	0.15
Amer Smllr Cos	182.10	192.30	+ 4.40	
-do- Accum	192.20	203.20	+ 4.50	
Australasian	125.40	138.10	- 2.90	2.18
-do- Accum	237.30	250.90	- 3.60	2.18
Capital	1057.00	1117.80	- 0.50	2.73
-do- Accum	1293.40	1367.90	- 0.60	2.73
Charifund	315.50	324.50†	- 3.40	5.27
-do- Accum	5054.30	5134.50†	- 18.45	5.27
Commodity	77.70	79.11	- 1.10	1.20
-do- Accum	550.90	582.50	- 4.70	1.20
Compound Gth	1268.60	1341.50†	- 1.00	2.31
-do- Accum	1434.90	1517.20†	- 1.10	2.31
Corporate Bond	28.22	29.34	- 0.08	6.60
Dividend	50.60	53.50†	- 0.10	4.53
-do- Accum	232.40	252.70†	- 0.60	4.53
Equity Income	370.10	391.40	- 1.20	5.08
-do- Accum	536.30	567.20	- 1.50	5.05
Euro & General	175.20	186.90	- 1.00	0.64
-do- Accum	205.20	217.30	+ 2.80	0.64
Euro Dividend #	93.10	98.70	- 0.70	3.35
-do- Accum #	165.30	175.40	- 0.90	3.35
Euro Smlr Cos	56.50	59.70	- 0.20	0.50
-do- Accum	56.70	60.30	+ 0.30	0.50
Extra Yield	542.00	573.20	- 2.70	4.83
-do- Accum	1911.30	2021.50	- 9.40	4.83
Fund of Inv Tsts	743.20	792.30†	- 1.00	1.61
-do- Accum	1459.30	1554.00†	- 1.90	1.61
General	53.60	58.40	+ 0.10	3.37

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	174.80	183.60	+ 0.800	4.73
Gold & General	113.10	121.00	- 1.30	0.59
-do- Accum	117.00	125.20	- 1.40	0.59
Govt Securities	100.40	103.50	+ 0.300	5.35
-do- Accum	220.80	227.70	+ 0.600	5.35
High Yield Bd	108.00	110.80	+ 0.300	6.16
-do- Accum	121.00	124.00	+ 0.400	6.16
Income	226.40	240.70†	+ 0.600	3.74
-do- Accum	391.20	416.00†	+ 1.200	3.74
Inc Portfolio #	124.40	131.70†	+ 0.200	4.96
-do- Accum #	141.70	150.10†	+ 0.300	4.96
Intl Opps	612.10	652.90	+ 4.300	0.76
-do- Accum	831.60	887.00	+ 5.600	0.76
Japan	139.40	148.70	+ 2.100	
-do- Accum	143.30	152.70	+ 2.200	.
New Europe	275.20	293.50	+ 2.100	0.96
-do- Accum	288.60	308.10	+ 2.300	0.96
Pacific	71.87	76.65	- 2.15	0.29
-do- Accum	77.53	82.69	- 2.32	0.29
Recovery	535.60	571.30†	+ 1.500	1.59
-do- Accum	717.00	764.80†	+ 2.000	1.59
UK Smaller Cos	66.41	69.77	- 1.70	1.45
-do- Accum	76.59	81.70	- 1.99	1.45
Portfolio	104.00	110.40†	+ 0.300	2.63
-do- Accum	131.10	139.20†	+ 0.500	2.63
Managed Gth	134.50	140.80	+ 0.600	1.80
Managed Inc	134.70	139.80	+ 0.400	3.86
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	179.17	190.61	+ 1.15	0.12
Pacific	90.05	95.80	+ 0.39	1.25
UK Income Inc	110.56	118.06	+ 0.14	4.91
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	75.33	79.38	+ 0.11	2.51
-do- Accum	85.29	89.30	+ 0.12	2.51
British Tst	127.30	133.30	- 0.10	1.95
-do- Accum	155.70	163.00	- 0.10	1.95
Corp Bond Inc	103.40	107.20†	+ 0.20	6.21
-do- Accum	113.10	117.20†	+ 0.20	6.21
Extra High Inc	82.41	86.29	+ 0.13	5.82
-do- Accum #	187.80	196.60	+ 0.30	5.82
FTSE 100 Acc	87.17	91.26	- 0.18	1.89
FTSE 100 Dist	80.22	84.00	- 0.17	1.89
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.93	61.32	+ 0.11	6.06
-do- Accum	197.80	205.90	+ 0.40	6.06
High Yield	279.10	292.30†	- 0.40	5.82
-do- Accum #	821.10	859.80†	- 1.00	5.82
Household Names	111.60	112.30	- 0.20	1.60
Income	385.60	403.90	- 0.60	3.75
-do- Accum #	938.00	982.20	+ 1.40	3.75
Money Market UT	49.35	49.35†		6.30
-do- Accum	87.54	87.54†	.	6.30
Monthly Income	112.10	117.40†	+ 0.10	3.98
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	162.30	172.70	- 0.10	1.91
European Growth	160.48	170.10	- 0.30	.
Gilt & Fixed	111.90	118.60	+ 0.10	5.92
Income	128.80	137.00	+ 0.10	3.77
Japan Growth	34.32	36.37	+ 1.87	
Managed	93.38	99.34	+ 0.13	2.41
Money Market	101.40	107.50		5.08
North American	132.30	140.90	+ 2.10	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	147.10	156.50	- 0.10	1.91
European Growth	150.50	159.68	- 0.20	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	104.50	110.80	+ 0.20	5.94
Income	126.10	134.10	+ 0.10	3.78
Japan Growth	34.39	36.45	+ 1.84	
Managed	89.16	94.85	+ 0.13	2.41
Money Market	93.45	99.05		5.08
North American	119.20	126.30	+ 1.86	.
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	145.80	155.10	- 0.10	1.91
European Growth	147.80	156.90	- 0.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.03	99.71	+ 0.10	5.95
Income	122.50	130.30	+ 0.10	3.78
Japan Growth	35.21	37.32	+ 1.91	...
Managed	91.93	97.78	+ 0.13	2.41
Money Market	84.29	89.34	.	5.11
North American	133.30	141.20	+ 2.00	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	574.50	608.60	+ 9.43	
European Gt Inc	607.50	645.40	+ 5.60	
-do- Accum	614.20	652.50	+ 5.80	
Intl Gwth	253.80	268.00†	+ 3.50	
UK Equity Inc	256.10	271.80†	- 0.10	3.79
Do Accum	362.50	384.60†	- 0.20	3.79
UK Growth Inc	149.90	160.30	- 0.30	3.01
-do- Accum	156.00	166.90	- 0.30	3.01
UK Ind Trckr Inc	229.30	244.40	- 0.30	2.86
-do- Accum	290.00	309.00	- 0.30	2.86
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	356.90	377.30	+ 5.90	0.90
Japan Tracker	48.91	51.60†	+ 0.72	
Asian Tracker	139.10	150.20†	- 3.70	0.44
Mngd Pflio Inc	207.00	220.20	+ 0.20	1.60
Mngd Pflio Acc	229.20	243.80	+ 0.30	1.60
Deposit Inc	100.12	100.12†	+ 0.01	6.91
Europe	250.80	269.40	+ 2.00	
Germany	221.00	239.70†	- 0.10	2.22
High Income	20.47	21.75†	- 0.04	10.00
Japan Growth	75.55	80.21	+ 1.35	.
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	117.50	120.00†	+ 0.40	2.07
Acumen Inc	104.80	107.00†	+ 0.30	2.07
Acumen Reserve	107.20	109.20†	- 0.30	6.43
-do- Inc	78.12	79.10†	+ 0.25	6.43
American Growth	79.20	80.77	+ 1.09	
Equity Income #	123.00	126.10	+ 0.30	3.81

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	93.42	95.43	+ 1.29	...
Smaller Cos	97.35	101.70†	- 0.20	1.43
W'wide Eqty	82.88	84.68	+ 0.93	0.18
Global Bond	40.75	41.17†	+ 0.04	4.75
UK Growth	127.70	131.70	+ 0.30	1.27
Pacific Growth	75.81	77.60	- 1.40	2.45
Japan Growth	82.29	83.59	+ 2.89	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	179.89	191.37	..	1.98
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	152.10	160.10	+ 2.50	0.14
European Dist	172.30	181.40†	- 1.80	0.05
Far East Dist	129.60	133.30	- 1.20	0.05
Global Care Dist	97.21	102.33	+ 0.44	0.18
Oseas Dist	1082.60	1139.60	+ 5.56	0.26
-do- Accum	1408.90	1483.00	+ 7.38	0.26
UK Dist	503.70	530.20†	- 0.30	1.59
-do- Accum	1049.00	1104.20	- 0.70	1.59
UK Extra Inc Dist	106.00	111.60	- 0.10	3.14
Wwide Dist	118.60	124.80†	+ 0.50	0.36
Wwide Inc Dist	95.06	100.06†	+ 0.40	1.83
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 366				
Europe Inc	90.25	95.25	.	0.33
Fund of Funds Inc	74.85	79.60		1.27
North America Inc	78.38	82.70		0.11
UK Equity Gth Inc	82.76	87.35†	..	1.83
-do- Accum	91.80	96.89	..	1.83
UK General Inc	76.95	81.21†	...	1.98
-do- Accum	87.38	92.20	..	1.98
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.04	51.65†	...	6.08
UK Income Inc	78.02	82.34‡		2.81
UK Smlr Cos Inc	127.80	134.90†	.	1.09
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	62.79	66.75†	+ 0.86	.
-do- Accum	63.24	67.27†	+ 0.86	.
Bond	131.97	140.39	+ 0.32	4.96
Cash Income	50.12	50.12†	.	6.54
-do- Accum	72.69	72.69†	+ 0.01	6.54
Challenger	87.14	89.74†	+ 0.52	1.34
Distributor	121.68	129.44	+ 0.15	2.47
European	69.39	73.81	+ 0.93	
Foundation	122.33	130.13	- 1.81	1.64
General Inc	254.54	270.78	+ 1.46	1.03
General Acc	259.98	276.56	+ 1.49	1.03
Growth Inc	168.65	169.77†	- 2.56	1.68
Growth Acc	165.84	176.42†	- 2.66	1.68
Higher Income Inc	39.87	42.41	+ 0.08	5.08
-do- Accum	50.55	53.77	+ 0.11	5.08
High Yield Bond #	95.83	99.98	+ 0.13	7.60
Income	326.78	347.63†	+ 0.91	2.96
Intrepid	139.31	165.94†	..	1.86
Intl Gwth	42.01	44.69	+ 0.50	.
Japan	24.76	26.34	+ 0.57	.
Oriental Inc	109.03	115.98	- 0.88	0.19
-do- Accum	113.04	120.25	- 0.90	0.19
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	54.87	58.08†	+ 0.10	5.58
UK Growth	130.40	138.00	.	2.84
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	151.01	158.96	+ 1.15	1.10
UK Equity	197.86	208.27	- 0.74	2.54
UK Equity Income #	180.42	189.92†	+ 0.79	4.92
UK Smaller Cos	161.04	169.52	- 0.28	1.24
UK Equity Growth	167.56	176.38	- 0.32	1.34
UK Index Trckg	199.34	210.38	- 0.78	2.35
Intl Index Trckg	185.47	195.75	+ 2.58	0.68
International	292.23	307.61†	+ 2.27	0.81
European	308.78	316.67	+ 2.92	0.03
Pan European	200.93	211.50†	+ 0.51	0.98
Nth American	294.59	310.09†	+ 3.97	0.34
N Amer Smlr Cos	324.91	342.01	+ 2.95	..
Japanese	70.70	74.42	+ 1.53	0.09
Pacific	165.39	174.09	- 0.75	1.69
South East Asian	171.88	180.93†	- 2.14	1.93
Sterling Bond	106.96	112.59†	+ 0.28	6.31
Intl Bond	122.60	129.05	+ 0.18	4.04
Gilt & Convertible	117.27	123.44	+ 0.33	5.47
Property	92.50	97.37	+ 0.04	5.15
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	430.10	461.00	+ 3.00	0.37
-do- Accum	457.10	490.00	+ 3.20	0.37
Japan Inc	76.96	81.51†	+ 0.82	.
Nth American Inc	191.40	202.50	+ 4.00	0.08
Worldwide Inc	198.40	210.70	+ 2.30	0.02
Hong Kong Inc	150.20	160.70	- 2.60	0.94
Swiss Equities Inc	112.70	120.30	+ 0.70	
Wwide Bond Inc	65.89	70.69	+ 0.12	5.28
Emging Asia Inc	124.60	133.50	- 1.40	0.45
-do- Accum	124.50	133.90	- 1.50	0.45
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.13	50.13†	+ 0.01	6.25
Thailand Inc	38.84	43.37†	- 1.79	2.94
New Zealand Inc	91.41	98.30†	- 0.36	2.08
Int Mngd PEP Inc	80.36	85.89	+ 0.16	0.58
Latin Am Cap Inc	72.39	77.72	+ 2.94	0.76
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	83.39	84.61	- 0.11	3.26
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	86.34	92.49†	+ 0.76	...
Global Portfolio	75.19	80.42	+ 0.73	...
Way Global Bal	66.39	70.63	+ 0.56	..
Mack Global Gth	64.67	68.58	+ 0.08	0.16
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	126.10	134.70	- 0.10	0.76
Temple Equity Inc	52.64	57.35	+ 0.01	1.47
Hartley Growth	145.50	154.80	+ 0.10	0.51
Intl Growth Inc	76.76	82.10	- 0.18	..
IPS Portfolio Inc	104.00	110.10	+ 0.90	..
Roxburgh Strat Gth	76.90	82.25†	- 0.02	0.17
UFC Growth	72.03	77.04	+ 0.44	0.89
Chartfield Port of Fds	53.75	57.03	+ 0.22	..
For PM Unit Trust see GA Unit Trust				
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	330.10	351.10	+ 0.10	1.79
-do- Accum	737.50	784.50	+ 0.30	1.79
Growth	211.40	222.40		2.16
Income	319.10	339.40†	+ 0.60	3.41
Intl Equity	293.10	311.70	+ 2.50	0.42
-do- Accum	329.10	350.10	+ 2.80	0.42
Equity Income #	86.72	92.24	- 1.03	4.66
Equity Growth	111.50	118.50	.	1.61
New Europe	122.00	129.70	- 0.10	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	762.37	814.31†	+ 4.10	0.40
-do- Accum	770.25	822.73	+ 4.14	0.40
Income	536.37	573.66†	- 1.90	2.55
Wwide Recovery	497.34	531.58	+ 1.37	0.48
Amer Growth Inc	362.61	385.33	+ 1.59	0.01
-do- Accum	362.61	385.33	+ 1.59	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	297.23	317.90	+ 1.34	0.22
Far Estn Gth Inc	247.13	264.32	- 1.06	1.23
-do- Accum	250.22	267.62	- 1.07	1.23
Euro Gwth Inc	229.61	244.84	+ 2.08	0.22
-do- Accum	230.44	245.69	+ 2.09	0.22
UK Growth Inc	136.31	145.73	- 0.73	2.45
-do- Accum	149.82	160.17	- 0.81	2.45
High Income	140.33	150.00	- 0.51	2.89
Jap Gwth Inc	139.58	149.28	+ 2.80	0.86
-do- Accum	139.58	149.28	+ 2.80	0.86
PEP Bond	63.47	66.09	+ 0.15	6.59
PEP Growth	164.50	175.68	+ 0.86	0.63
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	89.33	95.55	- 1.27	0.76
-do- Accum	89.62	95.86	- 1.27	0.76
Amer Smlr Co Inc	239.45	255.09†	+ 0.57	0.01
-do- Accum	239.45	255.69	+ 0.57	0.01
Global Bond	53.47	56.40	+ 0.18	4.97
UK Smaller Cos Inc	115.38	123.41	- 0.51	1.99
-do- Accum	124.98	133.67	- 0.55	1.80
Lat Am Gwth Inc	35.05	37.49	+ 0.08	0.24
-do- Accum	35.61	38.09	+ 0.07	0.24
World Inc PEP #	49.77	51.61	+ 0.03	4.24
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	159.46	169.64†	+ 2.41	.
European	111.13	118.22	+ 1.12	
Global	55.87	59.44	+ 1.40	
Pacific	42.10	44.62†	+ 1.24	
UK Inc & Grth	92.74	98.66	+ 0.71	1.38
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8890				
Asia	41.84	44.12†	+ 0.56	
Emerg Mkts	44.76	47.49	+ 0.32	0.34
Euro Fund	48.11	51.05	+ 0.48	
Fund of Funds	211.84	222.99	+ 1.68	0.03
High Income #	59.19	62.30†	+ 0.30	5.62
Performance	51.75	54.91†	+ 0.43	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sits	224.50	240.10	- 0.60	
Dividend	118.98	127.20	- 0.10	3.54
Intl Gth & Inc	265.80	283.00	+ 3.70	0.64
UK & Gen	56.39	60.31	+ 0.01	0.90
Fund of Funds	79.07	84.57	+ 0.78	.
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 780				
Principal Tst	194.03	201.55	- 0.31	2.12
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	147.50	156.50	+ 1.70	2.09
Conv & Gilt	129.30	137.40	- 0.20	3.94
Euro Spc Sit Acc	117.43	124.90	+ 1.80	
Extra Income	208.10	221.40	- 0.10	4.13
-do- Accum	283.30	301.40		4.13
Far East	302.38	321.60	- 1.20	1.30
-do- Accum	309.10	328.90	- 1.20	1.30
Global Income	30.05	31.80		4.35
High Income	155.70	165.60	- 0.10	4.08
-do- Accum	206.68	219.80†	- 0.10	4.08
International	227.80	242.30†	+ 1.80	0.25
-do- Accum	237.70	252.90	+ 1.80	0.25
Pref & Fxd Int	50.85	54.09	+ 0.05	5.99
Recovery	98.39	104.70	- 0.20	2.29
Special Sits	159.90	170.10	- 0.30	1.55
-do- Accum	179.60	191.00	- 0.30	1.55
Technology	770.30	819.50	+ 14.70	
UK Blue Chip	103.40	110.10	- 0.10	2.78
-do- Accum	123.90	131.80	- 0.20	2.78
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835500				
Managed Tst	46.17	49.92	+ 0.17	2.80
Cash Haven Inc	100.96	102.45†	+ 0.01	6.34
Cash Haven Acc	124.66	125.27	+ 0.01	6.34
Dist Trust Inc	115.69	119.89†	- 0.01	4.77
Dist Trust Acc	137.11	142.08		4.77
Global Growth	113.49	120.72	+ 0.65	1.58
Equity Inc	100.75	107.18†	- 0.08	2.95
Equity	1026.71	1092.24†	- 0.75	1.73
European	325.79	347.61	+ 3.63	0.56
High Income	104.00	110.64	- 0.04	4.62
Intl Gwth	228.32	242.89	+ 2.35	1.00
Intl Sm Co	95.41	101.50†	+ 0.98	0.95
Japanese	130.24	135.07	+ 2.73	
Mngd Income Tst #	50.30	52.00	+ 0.03	7.29
Nth Amer	300.26	319.60†	+ 6.33	0.91
Pacific Mkts	82.57	85.56	- 1.18	1.67
Premier Inc	49.78	51.78†		5.60
Sm Cos	115.84	123.23†	- 0.09	1.57
Spec Sits	144.78	154.02	- 0.09	1.73
UK Growth	174.13	185.24	- 0.13	1.72
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	93.38	98.19	+ 0.02	3.53
Investment Trust	119.09	126.23	- 2.98	0.39
UK Smaller Cos	119.92	126.10	- 0.30	1.63
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	404.30	429.80	- 0.10	2.40
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	37.04	38.88	+ 0.71	
Cash	48.59	50.71		5.30
Emerging Mkts	44.64	46.62	+ 0.51	.
Europe	71.24	74.40	+ 3.86	.
Global Fixed Int #	49.30	51.48	+ 0.08	4.12
Japan	30.38	31.72	+ 1.11	.
North America	82.62	86.18	+ 0.93	
UK	77.12	80.54	+ 0.80	0.23

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc #	71.03	74.18	+ 0.58	3.37
UK Fixed Int #	54.06	56.45	+ 0.19	6.71
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	56.72	58.77	+ 0.63	
Pep Inc Port #	57.57	59.65	+ 0.40	2.85
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	37.91		- 0.48	...
Asia Pacific ‡	35.68		- 1.00	1.32
Europe ‡	44.82	...	+ 0.37	...
Japan ‡	42.36		+ 0.72	...
Latin America ‡	38.94	...	+ 1.17	...
North America ‡	47.59		+ 0.89	...
UK Eq Income #	49.00	..	+ 0.15	4.00
UK Major Cos ‡	47.20	..	+ 0.08	1.04
UK Smaller Cos ‡	52.34		- 0.08	1.07
For Royal Life Fd Mgmt see Royal Sun Alliance				
ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0870 601 6183 Dealing: 0870 601 6083				
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts				
Equity	1296.00	1375.00	+ 1.00	1.59
Equity Income #	133.69	142.80	+ 0.20	4.16
European	207.30	222.10	+ 1.80	0.15
High Inc Bond	50.78	50.86	+ 0.08	8.30
Portfolio	128.70	135.50	+ 0.50	1.10
UK Index Trckg	234.90	248.50†	- 0.28	3.23
UK Leading Cos	98.91	105.50	- 0.30	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	138.40	147.40	- 0.48	1.18
Royal Life Trusts				
High Inc Dist	194.90	207.20†	+ 0.30	3.16
Intl Cautionary	65.60	70.26	+ 0.39	4.37
Intl Growth	85.64	91.66	+ 0.97	..
Intl Spec	74.76	79.53	+ 0.28	..
Managed	202.90	216.10	+ 0.09	0.89
Pacific Basin	59.70	63.57†	+ 0.21	0.40
United States	164.10	173.90	+ 1.80	0.31
Sun Alliance Trusts				
European	174.90	187.00†	+ 1.80	0.17
Far East	123.30	131.80	+ 0.50	...
North American	241.29	257.90	+ 2.70	
Wwide Bond	54.68	58.02†	- 0.05	4.34
Broker Trusts				
Pyp Intl Equity	81.59	87.26	+ 0.61	
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	240.80	255.50	+ 5.10	1.04
European Growth	187.00	198.50	+ 4.00	1.09
Far East Growth	102.10	108.70	+ 2.60	1.30
Japan Growth	86.07	91.52†	+ 0.50	0.62
Special Sits	257.10	273.50	+ 1.60	1.66
UK Growth	122.90	130.70	+ 2.60	2.62
Intl Growth	305.80	325.40†	+ 8.00	1.78
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6600				
Far East Inc	120.10	127.10	- 0.80	1.91
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	509.10	538.70	+ 1.60	0.74
-do- Accum	798.80	845.30	+ 2.60	0.74
Growth Inc	169.88	179.80	+ 0.50	0.10
-do- Accum	174.90	185.10	+ 0.50	0.10
International Inc	448.50	474.60	+ 1.50	0.41
-do- Accum	622.20	658.40	+ 2.10	0.41
Nth Am & Intl Inc	486.40	514.70	+ 7.30	1.52
UK Gen Prog Inc	299.20	316.60	- 0.80	1.68
-do- Accum	346.60	366.80	- 0.70	1.68
UK High Inc Inc	175.10	185.30	+ 0.20	5.10
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	85.96	91.44	- 1.34	0.75
European Gwth	113.63	120.86	+ 0.55	1.00
Global Bd	59.57	62.91	+ 0.11	5.00
Japan	44.50	47.33	+ 0.40	
UK Gwth	104.25	110.80	- 0.16	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	178.80	190.20	+ 2.00	...
Cash	142.60	142.70	+ 0.10	6.54
China Dragon	60.08	63.91	- 1.43	0.24
Commodity	119.40	127.00	- 1.50	.
Emerging Mkts	35.08	37.30	- 0.02	0.53
European Gwth	284.30	302.40†	+ 2.20	...
Euro Smllr Cos	76.90	81.81†	+ 0.64	...
Extra Income #	64.76	67.11†	+ 0.04	5.22
Far Eastern	72.42	77.04	- 0.45	.
FE Sm Cos	35.38	37.64	+ 0.25	0.91
Financial Secs	392.40	417.40†	+ 2.60	1.38
Gold & Exploration	40.85	43.46	- 1.98	...
Growth	522.40	525.00	+ 1.60	1.53
High Income	52.08	52.08†	+ 0.05	6.35
Intl Bond	154.50	163.10	- 0.40	4.91
ITU	252.50	268.60†	+ 1.80	0.79
Japan Growth	121.10	128.50	+ 1.60	...
Japan Smaller	102.10	108.20	+ 1.20	...
Korea	20.50	21.81†	- 0.45	...
Latin America	44.52	47.36	+ 1.15	0.28
Mastertrust	70.45	70.89	- 0.49	0.86
Premier Eq Gth	202.50	215.40	+ 0.42	1.19
Premier Eq Inc #	431.00	456.50†	+ 0.50	3.93
SE Asia	31.44	33.45	- 0.57	0.24
Southern Africa	46.76	49.74	- 0.29	1.15
UK & O'seas	220.60	234.70	+ 1.20	0.72
UK Eqty Gth	100.60	107.00	+ 0.30	1.18
UK Eqty Inc #	310.80	330.60	- 2.60	3.93
UK Grth & Inc #	361.20	384.30	- 2.38	2.80
UK Sm Cos	64.92	69.06	+ 0.02	0.91
US Growth	274.80	292.10	+ 4.00	...
New Europe ‡	47.18	...	+ 0.99	...
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bstr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	414.47	438.11†	+ 0.73	0.67
-do- Accum	461.28	487.58†	+ 0.81	0.67
European Gwth	107.49	113.85†	+ 1.40	0.15
Euro Smlr Cos	118.24	125.75	+ 0.76	..
-do- Accum	119.95	127.56	+ 0.76	..
Far Eastern Gth	82.83	88.35	- 0.46	..
-do- Accum	84.43	90.05	- 0.47	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	55.73	58.72	+ 0.12	7.22
Global Bond #	45.26	46.76	+ 0.01	6.21
-do- Accum #	56.66	58.54	+ 0.01	6.21
Global Emer Mkts	45.75	48.79†	+ 0.03	..
-do- Accum	45.79	48.83†	+ 0.02	..
Income #	496.14	529.21	- 1.15	4.46
-do- Accum #	1747.60	1864.13	- 4.05	4.46
Japan Smllr Cos	229.36	244.54	+ 0.62	..
-do- Accum	229.72	245.02	+ 0.61	..
Japan Enterprise	51.02	54.42†	+ 1.21	..
Pacific Gwth	98.83	105.41	- 3.04	0.62
-do- Accum	102.74	109.58	- 3.19	0.62
Portfolio	102.73	109.32	+ 0.15	1.80
-do- Accum	116.11	123.56	+ 0.17	1.80
Seoul	17.72	18.90†	- 0.18	..
-do- Accum	17.72	18.90†	- 0.18	..
Smaller Cos	368.70	393.27	- 1.82	0.70
-do- Accum	441.58	471.01	- 2.30	0.70
Strategic Inc	109.18	116.21	+ 0.26	2.58
Strategic Acc	111.96	119.17	+ 0.27	2.58
Tokyo	104.04	110.97	+ 1.36	..
-do- Accum	105.09	112.09	+ 1.38	..
UK Enterprise	387.47	413.30	- 1.66	1.79
-do- Accum	490.61	523.31	- 2.10	1.79
UK Equity	354.73	378.37	- 0.70	2.05
-do- Accum	733.00	781.86	- 1.46	2.05
US Smllr Cos	321.07	341.83†	+ 1.32	...
-do- Accum	321.07	341.83†	+ 1.32	...
Institutional Funds				
European	346.85	358.29	+ 2.73	0.92
-do- Accum	395.39	408.46	+ 3.12	0.92
Euro Smllr Cos	37.88	39.43†	+ 0.19	0.87
-do- Accum	41.33	43.04†	+ 0.20	0.87
Global Equity Inc	98.22	102.02†	+ 0.71	0.87
Japan Smllr Cos	22.33	23.28	+ 0.02	0.18
-do- Accum	22.59	23.53	+ 0.02	0.18
Mngd Balanced	241.51	251.58	+ 0.29	3.51
-do- Accum	290.81	302.91	+ 0.35	3.51
Overseas Equity	212.10	220.69	+ 0.71	0.89
-do- Accum	224.33	233.42	+ 0.76	0.89
Oseas Smllr Cos	122.17	127.26	+ 0.47	0.45
-do- Accum	130.26	135.68	+ 0.49	0.45
Pacific	176.88	184.25†	- 5.92	2.18
-do- Accum	200.05	208.37†	- 5.86	2.18
Recovery	2705.86	2818.60	- 6.20	2.85
-do- Accum	3057.36	3184.75	- 7.10	2.85
UK Index	217.81	226.86†	- 0.62	2.91
-do- Accum	290.89	302.97†	- 0.83	2.91
UK Small Cos	155.20	161.66	- 0.44	2.48
-do- Accum	175.85	183.17	- 0.50	2.48
US Smllr Cos	82.11	85.43†	+ 0.47	0.37
-do- Accum	84.74	88.17†	+ 0.49	0.37
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	71.08	75.17	+ 1.67	2.25
Equity Trust	93.04	98.39	+ 1.94	2.55
Equity Strategy	98.84	104.52	+ 1.55	1.70
European Opps	123.81	130.93	+ 2.63	0.15
UK Smaller Cos	82.70	87.45	- 0.49	1.47
Maximum Inc	99.59	102.23		7.73
Japanese	50.06	52.94	+ 0.74	...
Asia Pacific	81.43	86.11	- 1.12	0.56
American	169.10	178.82	+ 2.74	0.86
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	35.06	35.06		6.81
UK Eq Gwth Inc	71.18	75.88	.	2.59
-do- Accum	98.98	105.52	.	2.59
Intl Income	317.69	337.97†	..	1.34
-do- Accum	569.15	605.48†	..	1.34
European	122.77	130.36		1.04
Japan	48.67	51.54†		0.05
American	125.91	132.07	..	1.00
Far East Tact	62.17	66.32		1.75
Ethical Inc	44.74	47.85		1.86
-do- Accum	52.31	55.94		1.86
UK Blue Chip Inc	48.33	51.58		2.60
-do- Accum	59.70	63.68		2.60
UK Equity Inc	50.27	53.62†	.	3.79
-do- Accum	76.24	81.33†	.	3.79
UK Global Inc	54.72	58.38		1.64
-do- Accum	60.78	64.73		1.64
Wwide Tact	91.26	97.80		1.03
Europe Tactical	88.75	94.60		0.55
Technology	173.02	183.50		0.45
Dist Inc	28.62	30.36	...	5.42
-do- Accum	30.31	32.16	...	5.42
UK Ext Inc Inc	25.62	27.11	.	7.20
-do- Accum	27.90	29.53	.	7.20
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	593.70	632.60		2.51
American	413.30	437.40	..	0.26
Pacific	302.20	323.20		0.32
European	737.68	788.90		0.75
Worldwide	90.94	97.26		0.40
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	390.10	415.00	- 1.10	1.89
-do- Accum	522.90	556.20	- 1.10	1.89
UK Sa Co Eq Inc	282.90	300.09	- 0.80	1.44
-do- Accum	352.00	374.49	- 0.80	1.44
Select Oppnty Inc	95.09	101.70	- 0.60	1.54
Income Plus Inc	98.46	105.80	- 0.40	3.86
European Inc	508.60	537.70	+ 5.30	0.53
-do- Accum	587.90	623.80	+ 4.40	0.53
Far Eastern Inc	123.50	131.40	- 2.80	1.44
-do- Accum	144.69	153.90	- 2.59	1.44
Japanese Inc	44.26	47.09	+ 0.55	.
Nth American Inc	427.00	453.70	+ 7.40	..
-do- Accum	473.00	502.60	+ 8.30	.
Intl Growth Inc	226.40	240.90	+ 2.10	2.74
Wwide Venture Inc	99.49	105.80	...	0.39
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 666 3724				
Equity Inc	517.80	546.20	+ 9.80	2.19
-do- Accum	809.50	855.30	+ 15.48	2.19
UK High Inc #	248.40	262.40	+ 5.30	3.35
-do- Accum #	397.00	419.40	+ 0.50	3.35
Europe Inc	564.90	596.80	+ 14.90	0.50
Nth Amer Inc	377.30	398.60	+ 3.80	0.11
Global Inc	271.20	286.50	+ 4.50	0.40
Global Acc	294.40	311.10	+ 5.00	0.40
UK Spec Sits Inc	148.10	156.40	+ 2.00	2.02
South East Asia	139.90	147.80	- 2.30	1.19
Cash Trust Inc	102.30	102.30		6.68
UK Smllr Cos Inc	132.70	140.20	+ 0.10	2.09
-do- Accum	142.00	150.10	+ 0.10	2.00
Intl Bond Inc	87.96	92.30	- 0.20	3.64
International 'Strat	85.64	90.89	+ 0.40	0.15
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	188.60	198.50	+ 1.70	0.22
Nth American	163.60	172.20	+ 3.29	...
Intl Bond & Conv	130.78	137.60†	+ 0.18	6.70
Pooled Pension	251.58	281.20†	+ 0.10	2.09
Smaller Cos	131.40	138.38†	- 0.40	1.07
UK General #	192.60	202.70†	+ 0.10	2.10
Far Eastern	64.68	68.08†	- 0.26	0.22
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	107.20	113.30	+ 0.70	0.74
Global Gwth	88.10	93.21	+ 0.62	0.98
Inv Tst Port	59.82	64.07	+ 0.08	2.19
Managed	1424.61	1490.71	+ 3.03	1.48

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pref Inc #	108.70	115.60†	+ 0.10	6.12
Smaller Cos	285.40	303.60	- 0.70	0.82
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	104.53	..	- 0.07	4.46
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.72	..	+ 0.03	5.33
Corporate Inc ‡	100.60	..	+ 0.04	5.15
Tal Pan ‡	80.37	..	- 1.32	..
Adac ‡	75.76	..	+ 1.36	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	165.15	.	+ 2.87	...
European ‡	187.58	.	+ 1.75	
Global Bond ‡	87.24	..	+ 0.15	[illegible]
Samurai ‡	42.69	...	+ 0.71	[illegible]
UK Growth ‡	119.61	.	- 0.19	[illegible]
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	97.51	.	- 0.30	[illegible]
Investment Trust ‡	115.47	.	+ 0.04	1.71
The Football Fd ‡	83.87	...	- 0.22	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	109.57	.	+ 0.10	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	528.60	559.30	+ 6.70	0.61
Capital	158.00	167.10	+ 3.70	1.47
Cash	100.93	100.93	+ 0.05	6.73
European	183.10	193.60	+ 3.50	0.20
Far Eastern	132.30	140.90	+ 5.08	0.63
Growth	191.00	202.10	+ 4.00	1.39
Income #	160.10	169.40	+ 1.90	4.87
Magnum	165.10	174.60	+ 3.70	1.56
Smllr Secs	632.80	669.60†	- 2.00	0.11
Thoroughbred	193.40	204.60†	+ 4.58	1.56
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Capital Primroce	60.40	64.56	- 0.03	7.08
Biblical	90.41	95.69	- 0.11	1.09
European Growth	94.20	98.88	+ 1.01	0.08
Income #	68.52	73.28†	- 0.08	4.49
Intl Growth	117.30	124.30	+ 1.78	0.15
Managed	101.99	107.90	+ 0.98	0.42
UK Growth	84.74	90.63	- 0.12	1.32
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	50.16	50.42	+ 1.10	1.30
Global Advtg Acc	55.08	55.36	+ 1.18	[illegible]
Income Advtg Inc	42.03	42.25	+ 0.80	[illegible]
Income Advtg Acc	50.84	51.10	+ 0.90	[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Acc	117.70	124.80	+ 1.00	[illegible]
Premier Inc Inc	52.72	54.57	+ 0.90	6.46
Premier Inc Acc	59.78	61.88	+ 1.00	6.46
Managed Acc	69.37	73.54	+ 1.10	1.79
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	49.05	52.00†	+ 0.80	3.76
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	67.77	71.84	+ 1.10	3.76
UK Smlr Cos Acc	52.29	55.43	+ 0.10	0.45
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	96.37	102.40	+ 1.90	1.61
UK Equity Gen Inc	67.76	72.00	+ 1.30	1.61
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.54	35.47†		6.30
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	367.80	389.10	+ 1.3	1.50
Nth American Acc	72.06	76.57	+ 1.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	31.60	33.58	+ 0.60	1.44
European Acc	65.60	69.70	+ 1.60	0.32
Japan Acc	21.56	23.34	+ 1.60	0.75
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	5.098	5.414		1.60
US Eqts (US$)	4.481	4.747		0.62
Far East Eqts (yen)	234.30	249.00		
FT Europe	180.00	191.20	.	0.99
FT N Amer (US$)	3.747	3.980	.	
FT Japan (yen)	128.90	136.20		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.229	2.368		0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	607.60	643.70	+ 6.80	
British #	1476.90	1561.90	- 1.70	2.31
Emging Mkts	158.70	170.20	+ 1.20	0.53
Euro Gwth Inc	109.60	116.60	+ 1.30	.
Euro Small Co	81.09	86.06	+ 0.40	.
Japan	89.98	95.37	+ 1.80	
Asia Pacific	344.00	365.40	- 4.00	[illegible]
-do- Accum	374.30	398.60	- 4.40	[illegible]
Inv Trust Acc	318.60	337.70	+ 3.50	[illegible]
Mngd Equity	224.00	237.00	+ 1.20	2.01
Mngd Cash	96.09	96.03	+ 0.02	6.74
For Sun Alliance UT see Royal & Sun Alliance				
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Asia Pacific	15.97	16.99	- 0.13	2.13
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	102.78	109.35	+ 0.07	6.56
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	113.79	121.06	+ 0.09	6.56
European	62.40	66.39	+ 0.67	0.39
Japan	27.55	29.31	+ 0.55	0.01
Managed Assets	161.75	173.00	+ 0.47	2.25
North American	58.10	61.81	+ 0.80	0.01
Smlr Co's Inc	39.44	41.96†	- 0.10	1.82
Smlr Co's Acc	44.12	46.94	- 0.11	1.82
UK Growth Inc	77.46	82.41	- 0.03	1.83
UK Growth Acc	89.54	95.26	- 0.04	1.83
Extra Income #	54.85	58.67	- 0.06	4.27
Worldwide Gwth	45.68	48.97†	+ 0.24	0.39
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 0117 989 8000				
Discretionary	58.66	62.40†		..
UK Income Inc	73.45	78.14	..	2.46
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	38.13	40.37†		6.23
Mngd High Yld Inc	106.51	113.31†		3.56
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	100.48	106.79†		2.54
UK Smaller Cos	43.91	46.71†		1.94
Pacific Grth Pen	35.78	38.06		0.68
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	373.33	395.06	+ 5.93	..
-do- Accum	411.21	435.14	+ 6.53	
Brit Growth	144.84	153.27	+ 0.04	1.32
-do- Accum	183.51	194.19	+ 0.06	1.32
European	149.18	157.88	+ 1.57	..
-do- Accum	159.34	168.61	+ 1.68	
Extra Income #	251.96	268.62	+ 0.45	3.97
-do- Accum #	482.11	510.17	+ 0.87	3.97
Smaller Cos	96.28	101.88	- 0.24	0.87
-do- Accum	111.23	117.71	- 0.27	0.87
General	420.82	445.32	+ 0.09	1.55
-do- Accum	915.19	968.46	+ 0.18	1.55
Premier Income	54.16	56.44†	+ 0.10	5.91
-do- Accum	144.37	150.38†	+ 0.25	5.91
Income #	457.53	484.16	+ 0.18	3.12
-do- Accum #	1093.20	1156.83	+ 0.43	3.12
Pacific	278.87	295.10	- 2.43	1.82
-do- Accum	293.02	310.07	- 2.56	1.82
International	682.68	722.41†	+ 6.76	0.16
-do- Accum	902.11	954.61†	+ 8.93	0.16
Nat Resources	124.83	132.10†	- 0.34	0.33
Sted Opps	149.33	158.02	+ 0.24	0.97
-do- Accum	198.97	210.55	+ 0.33	[illegible]
Environmental Inv	97.24	102.90	+ 0.12	[illegible]
Selector	84.90	89.84†	+ 0.10	[illegible]
-do- Accum	100.44	106.28†	+ 0.10	1.32
High Income #	82.95	87.78	+ 0.11	3.86
-do- Accum #	117.50	124.34	+ 0.14	3.86
Intl Income	62.64	66.29	+ 0.09	4.36
-do- Accum	86.85	91.90	+ 0.13	4.36
Selector Income	75.27	79.65†	+ 0.08	3.72
-do- Accum	99.19	104.96†	+ 0.12	3.72
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	483.87	509.33	- 0.61	2.28
European	94.54	99.00†	+ 0.81	1.04
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	261.40	276.81	..	2.87
Glob Growth Acc	306.00	323.80	..	2.87
Glob Balncd Inc	207.98	220.09†	.	3.67
Glob Balncd Acc	260.98	276.17†	.	3.67
Value Tst Inc	161.34	170.73	..	2.55
Value Tst Acc	182.40	193.18	..	2.55
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 629 0962				
Capital	106.30	113.10	- 0.40	0.62
International	73.86	78.57		
For Thornton see Dresdner RCM				
THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS				
Client Serv: 0800 0583000 Inter Serv: 0800 6684000				
Conversion Helpline: 0500 366227 (Until end Dec)				
Threadneedle Investment Services				
Managed Income	47.96	50.210†	...	3.66
Caut Mg Gth Acc	48.50	50.780	.	4.14
Bal Mgd Gth Acc	47.04	49.250	.	2.63
Adv Mgd Gth Acc	45.79	47.940	.	0.89
Threadneedle Investment Funds (OEIC)				
Retail Shares (Class 1)				
UK				
UK Corporate Bd ‡	51.49			6.94
UK Equity Inc ‡	50.92			3.56
UK Growth ‡	49.81	.		1.34
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	46.43	.	..	2.40
UK Monthly Inc #	47.14	.	..	3.85
UK Select Gwth ‡	50.34	.		1.51
UK Smaller Cos ‡	52.68	.	..	0.91
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	46.34	..	.	0.10
European Growth ‡	47.46	.		0.06
FE&Jap Gwth Acc ‡	33.65			
Global Bond ‡	50.00	.		7.41
Japan Gwth Acc ‡	36.14	.		..
Specialist				
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	47.08	..	.	0.04
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	50.00	..		..
Asia Growth ‡	35.83	..		0.19
Euro Sel Gwth ‡	45.37	.		0.05
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	50.00	.		..
Gth Sel Gth Acc ‡	44.87	.	..	0.11
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	50.00	.		.
Latin Amer Gth ‡	50.00			
Institutional Shares (Class 2) (£500,000 min)				
UK				
UK Equity Inc #	51.09	.	..	4.20
UK Growth ‡	49.87	.		1.89
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	46.44			2.99
UK Ind Gwth ‡	49.77	.	.	1.70
UK Oseas Engs ‡	49.85		..	1.00
UK Select Gwth ‡	50.36			2.07
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	52.72	..		[illegible]
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	46.40		.	[illegible]
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	47.52		.	0.56
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	33.69			..
Global Bond ‡	50.00	..		6.91
Japan Growth Acc ‡	36.19	..	.	
Specialist				
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	47.14	..	..	0.54
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	50.00			
Asia Growth Acc ‡	35.10			0.69
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	45.43			0.56
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	50.00	...	...	...
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	50.00		..	
Latin Amer Gth ‡	50.00			
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 338				
UK Eq Inc Acc #	396.31	421.61		4.03
UK Equity Gwth	428.70	456.06		1.75
European	210.58	224.02†		0.50
Nth American	104.06	110.70†		
Far Eastern	59.61	63.42	..	0.36
Money	75.21	75.21	..	6.14
Fixed Interest #	88.11	93.50	..	6.91
Index Linked Gilt	80.46	85.33	..	1.43
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	108.86	108.86†	- 0.13	6.40
Pens Growth	120.47	120.47		.
Pens Inc Protct	110.67	110.67		
UK Index Tracking @	153.57	153.57	- 0.57	2.30
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7455				
Australasian Gold	12.98	13.72	- 0.32	
Pacific Basin	24.58	25.67†	- 0.27	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.9698	1.0100	+ 0.0040	..
Penny Share	47.32	49.81	- 0.11	..
Japan Smlr Cos	26.90	28.32†	+ 0.12	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	130.30	131.70		[illegible]
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8129	0.8213	+ 0.0002	[illegible]
Gilt Income	52.31	53.13	+ 0.05	[illegible]
Gilt Growth	85.82	87.17	+ 0.13	[illegible]
Sterling Bond	50.62	51.49‡	+ 0.17	6.30
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	82.42	86.31	..	1.79
UK Stockmarket	121.40	129.10	..	2.18
Corporate Bd Inc	50.13	50.24		5.90
Do Accum	54.44	54.56		5.90

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend, ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic. Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

Shares ease on thin volume

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
545	407½	Allied Domecq	520	− 6	4.8	12.8
626	385	Bulmer (HP)	420		4.3	11.7
75½	49½	Burn Stewart	49½		9.1	18.2
1048	866	Glenmorangie A	958	− 25	1.7	23.5
638	425½	Grand Met	572	− 1	3.3	18.4
639½	424	Guinness	573	+ 1	3.4	15.8
380	280	Highland Dist	316½	+ 2½	3.6	14.3
335	213	Matthew Clark	223½	+ 2	13.4	8.7
109½	51	Marydon W	51	− 1½	7.6	12.8
2009¾	1450	SA Breweries	1475	+ 6¼	2.4	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521¼	918¾	ABN-AMRO	1171¾	+ 6¼	2.7	16.7
991½	710	Abbey Nat	988	+ 6	3.8	15.8
770	552½	Alliance & Leic	680	− 6	3.6	15.9
563	398¼	Allied Irish	517	− 2½	3.5	14.7
516¼	363½	Aus New Z	429½	− ¼	4.5	..
4031¼	2875	Bank America	4369¼	− 53¼	...	...
548	291½	Bank Scotland	502½	− 3½	2.2	13.9
1800	978½	Barclays	1483	− 7	2.8	14.1
814½	517½	Bk of Ireland	783	+ ½	2.6	17.4
8958¾	6008¼	Citicorp	7312½	+ 208¼	...	...
1759¾	1288¾	Commerzbk	1886¾	+ 6¼	2.8	...
852½	403¾	Dai Ichi Kan Yt	488¾	+ 9¾	0.9	...
4595¾	2709¾	Deutsche Bk	3805¾	+ 148¾	1.6	...
1300	759¾	Espirito Santo	1185¾	...	3.8	...
947½	362	Fuji Bank Yt	414	− 4	1.0	79.8
2389½	1272½	HSBC	1450	− 27	4.0	11.7
2258½	1226	HSBC HK	1375	− 30	4.2	11.1
783	507	Halifax	674	− 7	2.8	22.7
645	483½	Irish Perm	590	...	2.8	18.3
750½	424	Lloyds TSB	713	− 10	2.5	20.8
1008	889¼	Nat Aust Bk	835¼	− 10¼	4.7	...
1012½	663½	Nat West	889	+ 12½	4.2	13.8
504½	449	Northern Rock	478¼	+ 1	2.4	18.8
723½	508	Royal Bk Scot	649¼	− ½	3.7	14.0
1083¾	592½	Stand Chart	648	+ 6	3.0	11.3
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾	..	1.3	..
403¾	315½	Westpac	370¾	− ¼	4.0	...
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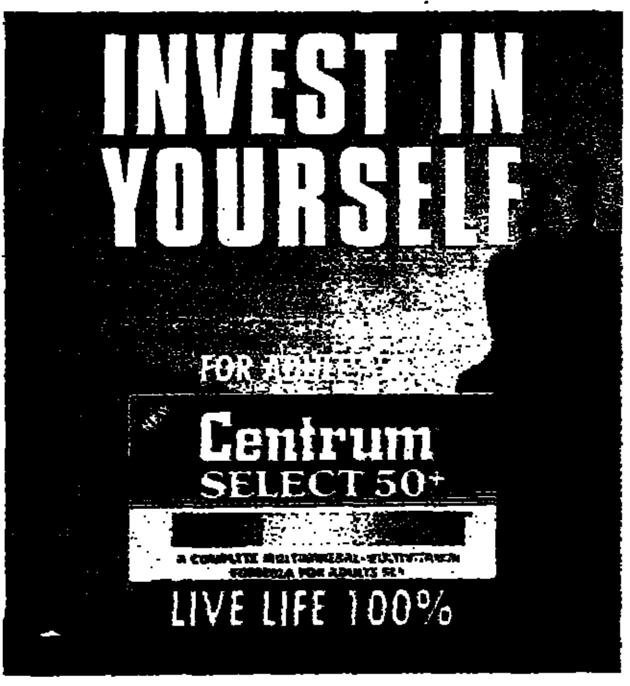

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Court of Appeal

Fixing unfair dismissal damages

Ministry of Defence v Wheeler
Same v Donald
Same v Nixon
Same v Joslyn

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Mantell

[Judgment November 5]

In determining damages for unfair dismissal in the case of a woman dismissed from the Armed Forces for pregnancy, the proper approach was to take the sum which she would have earned in the Forces, deduct from that the amount she had or should have earned elsewhere, and then discount the net sum by a percentage to reflect the chance that she might have left the Armed Forces in any event.

Where there were different percentage chances for different parts of the period, they should be applied cumulatively, although tribunals should be alive to the possibility that in later periods there might be a greater chance than in earlier periods that the woman would have remained in the Services.

The Court of Appeal so held when (i) dismissing an appeal by the Ministry of Defence and cross-appeals by Deirdre Wheeler and Stephanie Lynn Donald from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Kay, Mr A. C. Blyghton and Mrs R. Chapman) (*The Times* December 22, 1995; [1996] ICR 554) of appeals by the ministry against the level of damages imposed by respective industrial tribunals and (ii) dismissing an appeal by the ministry against a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Morison, Mrs E. Hart and Mr R. H. Phipps) on June 24, 1996 of appeals by the ministry against the level of damages imposed by industrial tribunals in cases brought by Jane Ann Joslyn and Bernadette Allison Nixon.

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Jonathan McManus for the ministry; *Miss Dinah Rose for Mrs* Wheeler and Mrs Donald; Mr Brian Langstaff, QC and Mr Jeffrey Bacon for Mrs Joslyn; Mrs Nixon did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE SWINTON THOMAS said all four women had been unlawfully dismissed from the Forces because of pregnancy. Each had obtained alternative employment for varying periods after their dismissal, but at lower pay so that they mitigated their loss.

The point of principle that arose in relation to the calculations related to the proper approach to those post-Service earnings in the calculation of loss.

The ministry contended that the approach should be to take the total sum that the applicant would have earned had she remained in the Services for the period of years as found by the tribunal that she would have remained in the Forces, at that point apply a percentage discount found by the tribunal to reflect the chance that she would not have remained in the Armed Forces and then deduct from that sum the total amount that the applicant had earned or should have earned during the period. That was method 1.

The *applicants contended that* the proper approach was to take the *sum that* the claimant would have earned in the Forces, deduct from that sum the amount that she had or should have earned elsewhere and then apply the percentage discount. That was method 2.

The difference between the two approaches could be illustrated by the example of a complainant earning £10,000 a year in the Services, wrongfully dismissed and earning £5,000 a year in civilian life, the tribunal having found a 50 per cent chance that she *would have returned to the Services* after the birth of her child had she been able to do so.

Under method 1, the 50 per cent discount was applied to the £10,000, leaving £5,000. Subtract the £5,000 actually earned and she was left with no loss at all.

Under method 2, the notional Service earnings would be discounted 50 per cent to £5,000, but the actual earnings would be discounted by 50 per cent to £2,500, which subtracted from the discounted earnings figure left a real loss of £2,500.

The parties were agreed that the court must approach the issue on the principle that the complainants should as far as possible be placed in the same position as they would have been in but for the unlawful act.

Counsel had adopted mathematical formulae, X being the earnings the claimant would have received had she remained in the Armed Forces and not been wrongfully dismissed, Y being the earnings earned or which could or should have been earned in alternative employment and Z being the percentage reduction to reflect the chance that she would not have remained in the Armed Forces with higher pay than in civilian life.

Under method 1 the compensation was X x Z per cent —Y. Under method 2 it was (X—Y) x Z per cent.

Mr Pannick submitted that X x Z per cent represented the total figure for loss of future earnings, and the employee had to give credit for the total sum earned in alternative employment.

In his Lordship's judgment X x Z per cent did not represent the total figure for loss of earnings. It represented the amount that the claimant would have earned in the Armed Forces but discounted for the chance that she might not have earned it. That figure disregarded the fact that if she had remained in the Forces she would not have earned a lesser sum, or any sum in civilian employment.

Accordingly in the example given earlier, if there was a 50 per cent chance of her earning £10,000 *in the Army, there was equally a 50* per cent chance that she would not earn only £5,000 in civilian employment, and to arrive at a true figure of actual loss the latter must be put into the equation as well as the former.

Mr Pannick's submission ignored the real, existing loss in a comparison *between the £5,000* actually earned and the £10,000 which the applicant had a 50 per cent chance of earning. It was impossible in his Lordship's judgment to say that a woman who was earning £5,000 a year following her dismissal had suffered no loss when she had a 50 per cent chance of earning twice that amount.

The second issue was the proper approach to cumulative chances. Making the assumption that the applicant had not been wrongfully dismissed, she would have varyuing prospects of remaining in the Armed Forces at different points in her career which the tribunal had to assess.

The ministry submitted that the percentage changes must be applied cumulatively. Miss Rose had argued that it was also open to the tribunal if it chose to consider each period in the round and reach an overall conclusion which took account of the applicant having left the Services prior to the commencement *of the relevant* period.

In his Lordship's judgment, the percentage chances must be applied cumulatively. Miss Rose had been concerned that if tribunals adopted that approach there was a risk of injustice to applicants in that the tribunal was likely to *assume that there was a diminishing* percentage chance that the claimant would have remained in the Forces after the end of the first period.

She argued that if it was found that there was, say, a 50 per cent chance of the claimant staying to the end of a particular period, there could be a greater chance, say 70 per cent, of her remaining for the next period. Tribunals would no doubt be alive to that point.

Lord Justice Mantell delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Hirst agreed with both.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; *Tyndallwoods, Birmingham and* Fuglers; Glenisters, Ruislip.

Prosecution to disprove excuse

Polychronakis v Richards and Jerrom Ltd

Before Lord Justice Brooke and Mr Justice Gage

[Judgment October 16]

Once a defendant had raised the defence of reasonable excuse to a charge of failing to comply with an abatement notice, under section 80(4) and (6) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the burden was on the prosecution to disprove it.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an appeal by Mr John Polychronakis, the prosecutor on behalf of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, by case stated against the acquittal by West Bromwich Justices on *December 3, 1996 of Richards and* Jerrom Ltd of offences contrary to section 80(4) and (6) of the 1990 Act.

Mr Barry Berlin for the prosecution; *Mr David Watson* for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the defendants had been acquitted of contravening an abatement notice served under section 80(1) of the 1990 Act on the ground that they had a reasonable excuse within the meaning of section 80(4).

The question was whether the justices had been correct to find in law that it was for the defendants to prove, and not for the prosecution to disprove the defence of reasonable excuse.

Whether a statute imposed a *burden of proof on a defendant* depended on the construction of that statute, and there was nothing in the language of section 80 to *suggest that the onus was on the* defendant to prove reasonable excuse. That was in contrast to the defences in sub-sections (7) and (9) for which the burden was clearly placed upon the defendant.

The correct approach was that once the defendant had laid the evidential basis for the contention *that he had a reasonable excuse, it* was for the prosecution to satisfy the court to the criminal standard of proof that the excuse was not a reasonable one.

However, since the justices had overlooked prosecution evidence, the appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Mr John *Polychronakis, Dudley; Clark* Brookes, West Bromwich.

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Tribunal loses appeal jurisdiction

Pendragon plc v Jackson

Before Mr Justice Morison, Mrs R. Chapman and Mr R. Sanderson

[Judgment November 5]

Because of a lacuna in the legislation, *the Employment Appeal Tribunal* had no jurisdiction to hear appeals from decisions of industrial tribunals in breach of contract cases.

From the commencement date of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996, the jurisdiction of industrial tribunals to hear breach of contract *claims derived from that Act and* section 21, which defined the jurisdiction of the Employment Appeal Tribunal after that date, did not include jurisdiction to hear appeals from an industrial tribunal whose jurisdiction was conferred "under or by virtue of this Act".

Those words had been included in its predecesor, the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, and had given the appeal tribunal jurisdiction to hear appeals arising in proceedings before an industrial tribunal under the 1978 Act such as complaints of unfair dismissal.

The Employment Appeal Tri*bunal so held when adjourning* generally an appeal by Pendragon plc from a decision of a Leeds industrial tribunal on December 4, 1996 in a breach of contract claim by the applicant, Mr John Jackson.

Section 136 of the 1978 Act, now repealed by the 1996 Act, had provided: "An appeal shall lie to the appeal tribunal on a question of law arising from any decision of, or arising in any proceedings before, an industrial tribunal under, or by virtue of, the following Acts ... (e) this Act ..."

Section 21 of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996 was in a similar form but omitted "this Act".

Mr Guy Prichard for Pendragon; Mr Christopher Graham, solicitor, for Mr Jackson; Mrs Melanie Hall as amicus curiae.

MR JUSTICE MORISON said *that the appeal raised an* important question concerning the jurisdiction of the Employment Appeal Tribunal. The question at issue was whether, since the introduction of the new legislation in 1996, the appeal tribunal had jurisdiction to hear appeals on points of law arising from decisions of industrial tribunals in breach of contract cases.

Since August 1996 the appeal tribunal had heard a number of such appeals. If it did not have jurisdiction, the consequences were serious; not only would the court have acted without jurisdiction in the past but also, until the position was rectified by Par*liament, many appeals might have* to remain unheard.

Section 136 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 had conferred jurisdiction on the appeal tribunal to hear appeals on a question of law arising from any decision under or by virtue of a number of Acts and under "this Act". Since industrial tribunals derived much of their jurisdiction from the 1978 Act those words were important.

From July 12, 1994, the jurisdiction of industrial tribunals was extended to hear claims for breach of contract. Pursuant to section 136 of the 1978 Act the appeal tribunal had jurisdiction to hear appeals from such decisions.

But the relevant provisions of section 136 were repealed by the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996 and were replaced by section 21 which omitted the reference to "this Act". Therefore on a literal construction of the statutory language, the appeal tribunal would have no power to hear appeals from decisions of industrial tribunals where their jurisdiction was derived from the 1996 Act.

Unless there was some saving provision in the legislation, or the court was persuaded to take a non-literal approach to construction, the appeal tribunal would have to decline jurisdiction to hear such appeals until Parliament had amended the legislation.

It was common ground between the parties that if the appeal *tribunal had no jurisdiction to* hear the appeal, the effect of section 11 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1991 was to give a party a right of appeal to the High Court.

The point at issue was important. There were many appeals against decisions of industrial tribunals on breach of contract complaints. The appeal tribunal provided parties with an appellate forum which was not hedged about by legal technicalities and which was intended to be relatively speedy.

If, which the appeal tribunal thought might be debatable, the High Court provided an alternative forum for an appeal, it was much less attractive for unrepresented parties and less speedy.

But his Lordship had concluded that it would be wrong to try to fill the gap left by Parliament. There was no reported decision where a court had added words to a statute to fill an apparant lacuna in its jurisdiction. The appeal tribunal should be slow to conclude that it had jurisdiction on the basis that it could add words to the statute which were not there.

They had been referred to a number of authorities, none of which was directly in point. As a matter of pure construction on the ordinary and natural meaning of the worda in section 21 of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996, the appeal tribunal had no power to hear appeals against decisions of tribunals where the tribunal had taken jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of that Act.

There was a lacuna in the legislation which Parliament had to put right. The appeal would be adjourned generally.

Solicitors: Mr I. Beken; Ford & Warren, Leeds; Treasury Solicitor.

Retailers liable for others' price tickets

Denard v Burton Retail Ltd

Before Lord Justice Brook and Mr Justice Gage

[Judgment October 16]

Retailers were liable for displaying misleading prices contrary to section 20 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 even when they had not fixed the misleading prices on the price tickets nor were they in a position to ensure that the pricing was accurate.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an appeal by Mr Peter Denard of Surrey County Council trading standards department by way of case stated against the acquittal by Farnham Justices on July 25, 1996 of Burton Retail Ltd of two informations alleging misleading price indications given at Burtons' shops, contrary to section 20 of the 1987 Act.

The question before the court was whether the words "in the course of a business" was to be interpreted widely or narrowly.

Section 20 of the 1987 Act provides:

"(1) ... a person shall be guilty of an offence if, in the course of any *business of his, he gives (by any* means whatever) to any consumers an indication which is misleading as to the price at which any goods ... are available..."

Mr Karl Scholz for the prosecutor; Mr Martin Hurst for *Burton.*

LORD JUSTICE BROOK said Burton and another company, Baird, were operating a concession in Burton's stores in Sunderland and Guildford.

In the stores concerned all merchandise was owned by Baird but half the suits had Burton labels on them. Staff were employed by Baird but customer payments were made at a Burton till and receipts were issued by Burton.

The concession agreement between Baird and Burton set price parameters but exact pricing was left to Baird and Burton had no means of checking that the exact price had been fixed to the price tags. The price tags had "Burton" on them. Customers would believe themselves to be in a Burton store purchasing Burton's merchandise.

Suits with misleading price tags on them were offered for sale at Burton's stores in Sunderland and Guildford contrary to section 20 of *the 1987 Act. Baird had pleaded* guilty to the offences.

It was accepted that the erroneous price tags had been completed by a Baird's employee. The question before the court was whether Burton were also guilty of *the offences.*

Mr Scholz submitted that the concession was an integral part of Burton's business. Burton's receipts were issued to customers of Baird's products and Burton could be sued on such receipts.

An analysis of the concession agreement between Burton and Baird showed that the business was Burton's as much as Baird's. The offences had clearly been committed in the course of Burton's business.

Mr Hurst submitted that the offences in question had been committed by a Baird's employee *when the incorrect price was fixed* on the price tag. The words "in the course of a business" were descriptive only and of no wider significance.

It was a fundamental principle of English law that no one should be held responsible for the criminal acts of another. He submitted *that Burton should not be held* responsible for the acts of the employees of Baird over which they had no control.

His Lordship preferred the submissions of the appellant. One should not be distracted by the issue of who was responsible for fixing prices and writing price tags. The duty was a non-delegable one: see *Quality Dairies (York) Ltd v Pedley* ([1952] 1 KB 275) and *R v Associated Octel Ltd* ([1996] 1 WLR 1543).

The misleading price indication had clearly been given in the course of Burton's business.

Mr Justice Gage agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Jonathan Jessup, Kingston upon Thames; Mr Adam Goldman, Oxford Street.

Corrections

In *R v Chester and North Wales Legal Aid Area Office, Ex parte Floods of Queensferry Ltd* (*The Times* November 7) the applicant was represented by Mr Robert Jay and Mr David Gwillim, solicitor, instructed by Winward Fearon.

In *Knapp v Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc* (*The Times* November 17) leading counsel for *the second defendant* was Mr Ronald Walker, QC.

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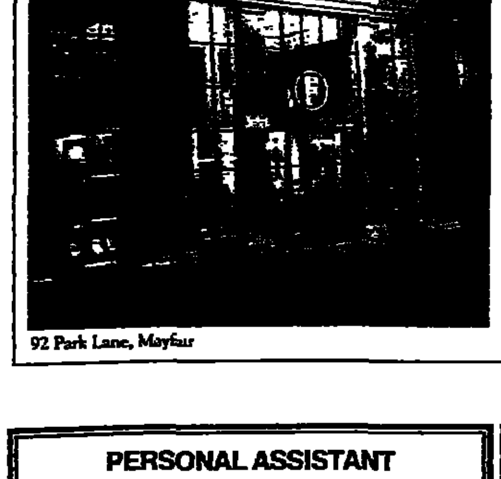

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CHRIS WARD

Sex and salary

A study shows that girls grow into worse negotiators than men. **Susan Gray** finds out how to get a rise

First jobs should be a liberating time of independence and money but many people new to the job market let themselves be paid far less than they are worth.

Women, it seems, are programmed from childhood to be poor negotiators. According to a study by the University of Illinois, girls are worse negotiators than boys. When boys find they cannot get a new toy through asking, they switch to bargaining tactics such as offering to clean their room, or to pay for half. Girls, on the other hand, resort to sulking, begging and pleading.

"Alarmingly, parents didn't perceive girls' emotional approaches as negative," says Dr Elizabeth Moore-Shay, who conducted the study. This means girls may have no training in expressing their wants reasonably or in driving a hard bargain, which is a disastrous situation when it comes to salary negotiations.

But it is possible to unlearn the lessons of childhood. Communications and presentation consultant Judi James, based in Central London, says that the key to effective salary negotiations is up-to-date information. "You need to know market price, what to expect and what sort of figure is reasonable within a negotiating situation." Ms James continues that it is best to have a minimum figure in mind but to make your initial pitch at a higher level.

As every diplomat knows, psychology also plays a key role in negotiations. "Have a back-pocket mentality," advises Ms James. "Your back pocket is your fallback position if this particular company says no. Think positively, market yourself and say 'If this company will not give me what I want, I can go to their rivals.'"

Strategies to ensure that the company in hand does give you what you want include negotiating from the other person's values, selling to their needs. When asked the interview favourite "Tell me why you would like this job," reply in a way that shows your value to the organisation.

Good presentation and appearance are also in your favour. "First jobs require a business-like suit," says Ms James. "Pinstripe material always looks more expensive than plain. Business clothing looks like you mean business." The finishing touch is a smart, well-organised briefcase.

Select Appointments, a nationwide temporary and commercial agency with 80 branches, publishes a yearly survey of secretarial salaries, providing all the data you need to establish your raw market worth. There are huge regional differences between what first jobbing secretaries are paid, with Central London paying the most. But even within regions there are differences between the maximum and minimum pay for a WP audio typist or junior secretary.

In September 1996, according to Select, in Inner London the minimum salary for a junior secretary was £9,800 while the maximum was £13,800. A WP audio typist, a position open to most secretarial college leavers, paid a minimum of £12,900 and a maximum of £16,100. Shorthand makes a college leaver more bankable, with salaries up to £21,600 in Inner London.

Tanya Nunn, temporary consultant at Select Appointments at Oxford, says that college leavers can increase their salary potential by having up-and-running shorthand and relevant work experience, paid or unpaid.

Kids' stuff: which of these two will grow up to drive the hardest bargain?

"It's worth getting temping work to stay in practice," Ms Nunn concludes.

Working women wishing to change the way they view money could enrol on a weekend course called the Money Factor, run by the Impact Factory based in Islington, London. The director, Robin Chandler, says: "The way to a higher salary is to transfer the value you give to money to yourself. Then you value yourself more highly. Ask for what you know you are worth and get it."

- *Judi James* People Talk *(Industrial Society, £9.95).*
- *The Money Factor costs £170 plus VAT. Call 0171-226 1877.*

New role for the secretary?

Kim Howells, Minister for Lifelong Learning, *opens a conference in* London today called Office in Wonderland, which will look at the impact of technology on office life.

Among the speakers will be Richard Nissan, managing director of a company called Virtual Office, who says his business handles 1,200 calls a day for 250 clients. He points to the role of his "executive co-ordinators", who look after about ten people each. Their job is to monitor e-mails and to keep their clients in touch.

"They are effectively 'mum'," he says. "But these centres are leading to a drop in support personnel. Voice activated systems will also reduce the role of secretaries. We will no longer have keyboards in five years' time. The new secretaries are like facilitators who enable the executive to do his or her job because they know how to filter the work."

The conference is organised by Fasttrack. Details: 0171-494 1448.

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■ **DESIGN:** Foreign heads of state visiting Britain next year for the G8 Summit or the Asia-Europe Meeting will depart clutching "cool" gifts fashioned by the brightest young British designers. The Foreign Office, with the Business Design Centre, is launching a competition for graduates to design a bangle for Clinton, a pot for Kohl or perhaps a quilt for Yeltsin. The Prime Minister and Mrs Blair will be among the judges.

■ **THEATRE:** After eight male appointments the new Cameron Mackintosh Theatre Professor at the University of Oxford will be a woman. Thelma Holt, the veteran producer, will follow Sir Richard Eyre into the one-year post. She will give a series of lectures beginning on January 29, and hold a series of "Saturday morning surgeries" for undergraduates involved in the theatre.

■ ***BOOKS:*** Forget Jeffrey Archer or Jackie Collins: the words "a good book for a long flight" took on a very different meaning yesterday as Terminal 4 at Heathrow Airport acquired its first rare-books shop. Travellers who drop into Bauman Rare Books will find the prices somewhat steeper than at the average duty-free: the first selection of rare editions includes a *Ulysses* at £7,935, Audubon's *The Birds of America* at £26,210, *Madame Bovary* at £13,335 and *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, a relative snip at £4,830.

■ **MUSIC:** Another honour for Sir Simon Rattle. The conductor, who ends his 18-year stint as maestro of Birmingham next year, was given the Royal Society of Arts' premier award — the Albert Medal — last week. Another conductor is also moving on: Semyon Bychkov, currently music director of the Orchestre de Paris, will become chief conductor of the Dresden State Opera and the Cologne Radio Symphony Orchestra after he quits France next year.

Stephen Dillane tells **Matt Wolf** why he almost turned down his plum role in the powerful *Welcome to Sarajevo*

The conscientious objector

DENZIL McNEELANCE

His part as a British journalist in *Welcome to Sarajevo* could make Stephen Dillane hot news in Hollywood. But his heart belongs to the theatre

Woody Harrelson and Marisa Tomei may be the box office draws of *Welcome to Sarajevo*, but the fierce, cool centre to Michael Winterbottom's passionate depiction of the war in Bosnia can be found in Stephen Dillane, the latest British theatre actor to make a bid for film renown.

Dillane has appeared in films before, not least in the little-seen Sandra Bullock vehicle *Stolen Hearts* which the actor reckons he got on the strength of a Snowdon photograph in *Vanity Fair*. But *Welcome to Sarajevo* marks the 40-year-old performer's highest-profile work to date. So it is somewhat surprising to hear that he almost turned the movie down. "I thought, 'That's very dangerous; don't do it. It's too charged; you don't know anything about it,'" Dillane says.

> ‘It all looked like a horrible package on the page’

Screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce had adapted ITN journalist Michael Nicholson's account of the war and his adoption of a young Bosnian girl as chronicled in his 1993 memoirs, *Natasha's Story*. The producers wanted Dillane to play the Nicholson character in the film.

"By its very nature, film remakes everything in this image of itself, and I was aware that it would only impose on the war this Hollywood version of events, so I thought stay clear; don't touch it," Dillane says.

"At that point it seemed pure Hollywood — heroic English journalist saves lucky little Bosnian girl from slaughter and brings her back to England which stands for all things true and good. It all looked like a horrible package on the page."

What brought Dillane round was seeing Winterbottom's existing films, particularly his bruising road movie, *Butterfly Kiss*. "That made me think, there's actually a purpose in this and it is not entirely without honour. I thought Michael would have the right eye, that his interest was not in easy, smooth, contained emotions. Basically, at some point I decided to take a leap of faith."

The result is one of the year's most powerful films, retaining the immediacy of a genre classic such as *The Battle of Algiers* without pandering to audience tear ducts as sometimes happened in, say, *Missing*. Premiered at Cannes in May, the film was derided by some (the French press especially) for part-fictionalising a period of history still too close to us. Dillane, though, stands by the finished product. "The only way you can do justice to the situation is to make the imaginative journey towards it as rigorously and with as much good intent as possible."

Dillane's career has been marked by its own rigour: he is one actor with precious little filler on an impressive CV. But he did not even enter the profession until well into his twenties, having spent a period as a journalist on a local newspaper, pounding the education beat as, he says, "an unreformed Marxist".

What prompted the switch to acting? "I wasn't enjoying being a journalist and couldn't think of anything else to do, actually," says Dillane, a doctor's son who grew up in Kent and read history and politics at Exeter. The practical spur, he says, came when he read an interview with Trevor Eve, whose own shift from architecture to acting suggested to Dillane that such moves were possible. The imaginative spur arose from reading Peter Brook's manifesto *The Empty Space* back to back with *Hamlet*. "Those two things together made me light up inside somewhere, since in other ways I wasn't a particularly aware or reflective person at the time; I was just kind of morose."

He enrolled in the two-year drama programme at the Bristol Old Vic and remembers the time as "very exciting and just bizarre. At drama school, I was convinced they had the wrong person the first year. The students were either much younger or Cambridge English graduates with a passionate, more intellectual connection to the work, whereas I had no idea what was going on a lot of the time."

The usual stints in rep were next, followed by some TV work. But it was in a production of *The Beaux' Stratagem*, with Brenda Blethyn, that Dillane began to be noticed, even if the presence in Equity of a Stephen Delaney meant that he launched his career with the surname Dillon. "I hated not having my own name. I used to phone up Equity every six months asking whether Stephen Delaney had died yet."

Back at the National in 1990, he was in the London premiere of *Dancing at Lughnasa*, missing out on the Broadway transfer of Brian Friel's play when his girlfriend Naomi Wirthner, herself an actress, had their first child (a second is on the way). But the quantum leap in recognition came three years ago, when he was cast as Hamlet in Peter Hall's production. Dillane staked out a fresh claim to the part as an unusually sardonic, mocking prince who stripped naked at one point and laid bare his nerve ends during a punishing, eight-performances-a-week run over an intense eight months. "Tired isn't the word," Dillane says.

From there it was on to D.H. Lawrence on TV (*The Widowing of Mrs Holroyd*) and Beckett at the Donmar Warehouse (*Endgame*, as Clov to Alun Armstrong's Hamm), both directed by Katie Mitchell, and inheriting Christopher Walken's Broadway role in David Rabe's *Hurlyburly* — "a great play".

Dillane has several more films awaiting release, but he returns to the theatre in the spring, playing Vanya in an RSC-Young Vic co-production. "It seemed irresistible, really," he says, forsaking any thoughts of doing the Hollywood circuit. "Once you're offered things, I don't think it's extraordinary to be able to do them; I think it's extraordinary to be offered them."

● *Welcome to Sarajevo opens on Friday and is reviewed tomorrow*

As ever, Baryshnikov stands alone

DANCE IN PARIS

Mikhail Baryshnikov stands on stage and lets us listen to his heartbeat. Attached to his chest is a sensor which feeds into a high-volume amplifier. When he moves an arm or twists his torso, the muscular activity causes the sound to blur and rumble. But when he runs or performs a series of nimble, humorous skips, the heartbeat comes across strong and clear, undistorted by lower-body movement.

Sara Rudner's new *Heartbeats: mb* was the last and longest of three solos danced by the great star at the trendy Bobigny theatre in suburban Paris. Injury among Baryshnikov's White Oak Dance Project troupe made him decide to go it alone.

Still a work-in-progress, *Heartbeats: mb* is more an interesting concept than sophisticated choreography, although the concept has limited mileage. We hear the not-so-startling evidence that exercise accelerates the heart, while a lurch into flamenco-flavoured steps introduces an interplay between Baryshnikov's inner-cardiac rhythm and his outer foot-tapping one. But there is something affecting about this glimpse into the internal machinery of such an exceptional individual; it seems that, yes, it is dance which makes Baryshnikov tick.

The movement is fragmentary and vernacular, but frankly anything Baryshnikov does is sensational. In the other two solos, José Limón's *Chaconne* and Mark Morris's *Three Russian Preludes*, you notice the spectacular contrast of speed, slow satiny turns giving way to bright, arrowy jetés. You also notice the subtlety: the rubato and alterations of emphasis which enrich his dance.

Over at the Palais Garnier, the wonderful dancers of the **Paris Opera Ballet** have selflessly given body and soul to Lorca Massine's horrible Disneyesque revival of his father's *La Symphonie Fantastique*, created in 1936 and last performed by the Paris Opera in 1963. Kader Belarbi smouldered darkly as the damned, opium-crazed composer, seeing images derived from Berlioz's own written libretto for his symphony. An idealised girl (the beautiful Fanny Gaïda) is eternally out of reach, lifted by groups of men in architectural tableaux. Waltzing couples sway in the night, fantastical insect-figures dart in a bucolic landscape, satanic spirits gloat over the composer's dead body, the Gaïda character now one of them.

Lorca Massine's tacky and crude version of this phantasmagoria has been condemned by those who remember the earlier stagings. Responsible for Birmingham's equally disastrous *The Three-Cornered Hat* a few years ago, Massine is killing off his father's work.

NADINE MEISNER

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

ZOE WAITES

Age: 22.

Profession: Actress.

Current whereabouts: On a balcony at the Swan Theatre, Stratford, as the RSC's new Juliet. The reviews — "which I refused to read" — have been excellent, describing her performance as "thrilling", "remarkable" and "moving".

Long haul: With an international and regional tour to follow, including dates in Bogota, Osaka and, um, Melton Mowbray, she'll have fallen in love, married and died 171 times by next June. "I'm looking forward to the production evolving."

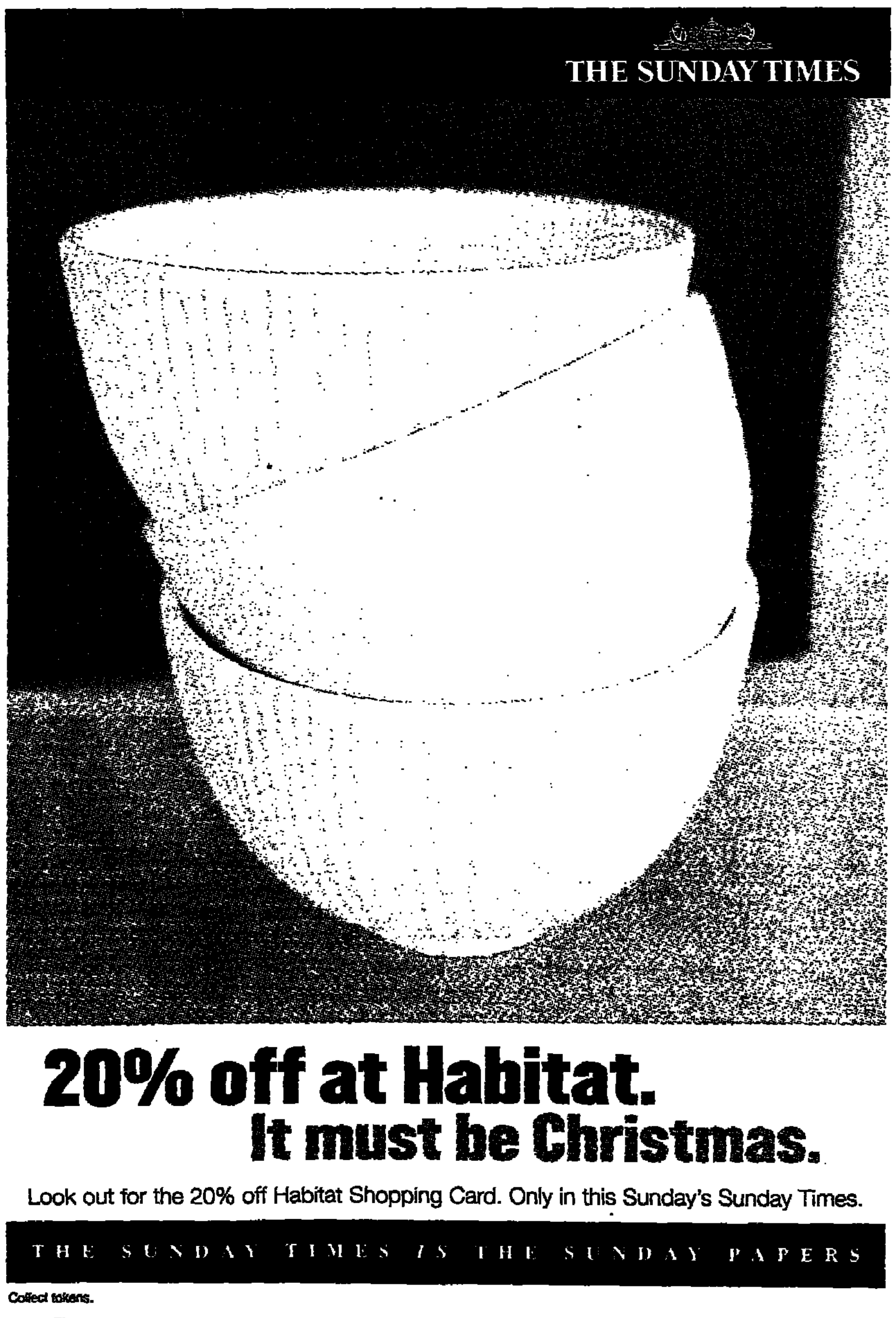
Hippy chic: She grew up in Totnes, Devon, "a haven for ex-hippies, including my parents, who are both teachers. I spent my adolescence barefoot with beads in my hair."

Unusual taste in interior decorating: Preparing to play Titania in a National Youth Theatre production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, she was struggling to master one particularly long speech. "So I painted it on my bedroom wall and learnt it from there."

Influences? At RADA, which she left in 1996, voice coach *Sue Cowan* was "a patient and inspired teacher who opened you up to the possibilities of what your voice can do".

Is she in danger of being typecast? After playing Ophelia opposite Michael Maloney's Hamlet in Greenwich earlier this year, she's well on her way to completing the Shakespeare grand slam of juvenile tragic heroines. "After Juliet I'd love to do some hard-hitting, urban new writing. It worries me that people will start to think I'm just a long-haired Shakespearean girl."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL



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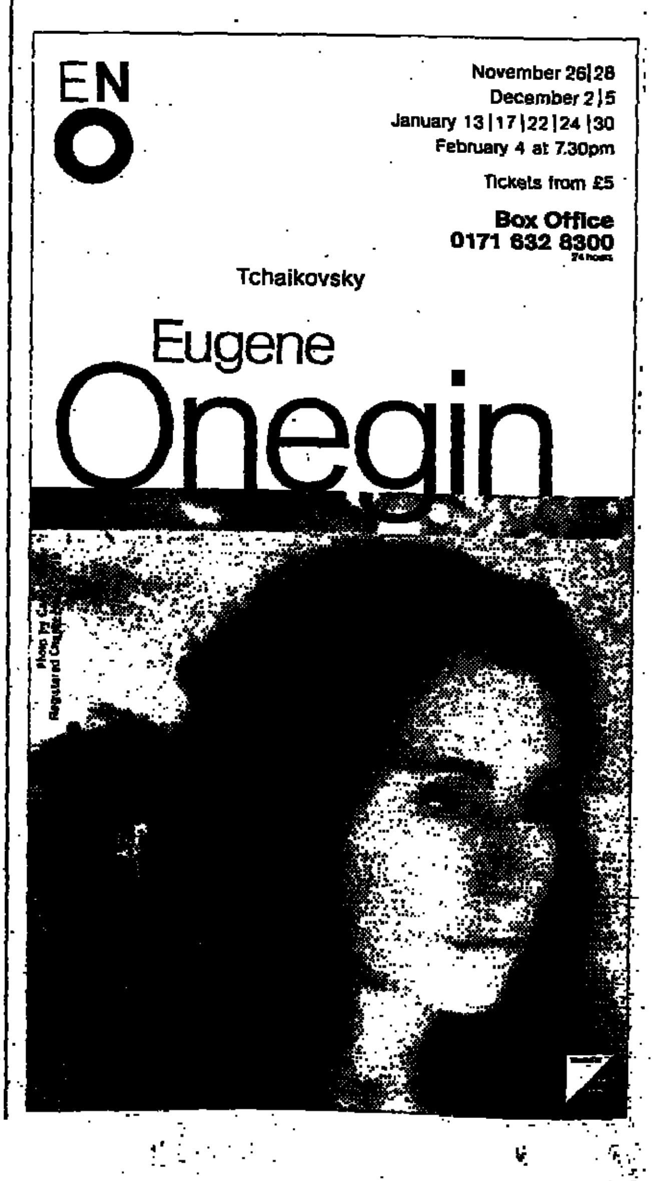

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If nothing else, Chris Smith's plans for cutting London's operatic activity down to a size more appropriate to new Labour's brave new tabloid world should result in benefits for audiences — for the next six months, at least. Hot on the heels of ENO's outstanding *Falstaff* comes the Royal Opera with *Otello*, equally determined to show a packed Albert Hall what it can do best with the most successful "arena" production I have yet encountered.

This Albert Hall debut was to have been a new *Cav* and *Pag*, but the money was not available and they had to fish something out of stock. Elijah Moshinsky and Timothy O'Brien have adapted their production and sets most convincingly: O'Brien's Veronese pillars frame the simplified acting area, and despite the absence of flies his cloths and portcullis somehow rise and fall; Moshinsky's reblocked entrances and exits work well, with two tower structures added to mimic wings.

The show looks exceedingly handsome and, with almighty cracks of thunder and lightning flashes penetrating every nook and cranny of the hall, gets off to even more thrilling a start than in a conventional opera house.

With the stage built out from the platform and the orchestra sunk in front of it, we are indeed almost in a conventional opera house. There is some jiggery-pokery with the sound — not amplification as such, but "ambient enhancement" or some such weasel words; all I can say is that it isn't necessary, and that despite slightly favouring voices at the expense of the orchestra it is better managed than ever before. You can hear everything, and you need to since the company could not afford surtitles — even cash shortages bring blessings.

The main thing is that what is "enhanced" is so good. Chorus and orchestra are on cracking form, and as well as being an excellent conductor Jacques Delacôte is highly experienced in such enterprises; ensemble is as crisp — no, crisper — than could reasonably be expected, and simply as an account of the score his reading is absolutely first-rate.

There are few surprises but solid satisfaction in the singing. The trumpet-toned, leather-lunged Vladimir Bogachev brings real tenorial "ping" as well as some sensitively moulded soft singing to a role often taken by jumped-up baritones, and he will need to be more than ever leather-*lunged* since, owing to Giuseppe Giacomini's illness, he will now be singing the Moor five nights running (historians will be rifling through archives to see if this has ever happened before — I would guess *not*).

The amazing Sergei Leiferkus returns as Iago, a malevolent snarl on two legs when alone, a smiling, studiously relaxed and poisonously "honest" damned villain in company. His sneer over his prone victim at the third-act curtain freezes the blood.

The Desdemona, Daniela Dessi, is new. Her voice, maybe not flattered by "enhancement", tends to grittiness and is not traditionally beautiful, but she has Verdi's idiom at her fingertips and phrases the music with dignity and warmth, saving her best for the Willow Song.

Bonaventura Bottone also makes his company debut as a forthright Cassio, and the supporting roles are well taken. Special circumstances or no, this is a really good show.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER

Solid satisfaction: Vladimir Bogachev (who will sing Otello five nights running) listens to Sergei Leiferkus's Iago

No need to cry for him, Argentina

Joanna Pitman listens to the fast-rising young tenor José Cura

José Cura is an enthusiast. We meet in the office of the young tenor's recording company, Warner Classics, high above Kensington Church Street and we talk, or rather he talks — very quickly and with great focus, clarifying points, cracking jokes, performing for all he is worth. It is easily ten minutes before I can squeeze my second question past him, and I begin to wonder whether perhaps I should simply have sent a tape recorder round in a taxi — but then I would have missed his one-man talk show. And Cura's show is so good he could sell tickets for it.

"I started playing the guitar when I was 12 because I noticed that people who played the guitar were always surrounded by girls. This was Argentina in the Seventies. It was still the era of the Beatles, and teenagers like me wanted to imitate them. Life in my country was pretty tough, and we used to escape into music. Also I wanted to be the centre of attraction."

Cura got what he wanted. The girls duly flocked, and their admiring eyes have never left him — today he positively oozes the virility of his Spanish-Lebanese parentage, and that, combined with his exceptional tenor voice and an impassioned acting style, is precisely the sort of package that sets hearts aflutter from Minnesota to Melbourne.

"My musical upbringing was not particularly special. My mother collected records so I heard all sorts of great music from the day I was born. I never thought I would be a professional musician. I just studied composition and conducting for pleasure after school, and then one thing led to another and I started doing music at university in Rosario. I sang in choirs and studied choral technique for a few years. But when I was 23 I just decided to stop singing because I knew the technique and repertoire I was being taught were not right for me."

His teacher was disappointed, but when Cura makes up his mind to do something, people generally know better than to stand in his way. Three years later, however, fate intervened. "A tenor pulled out of a chamber opera the day before the performance. I knew I could do it, so I just took on the role. I pulled it off and, I don't want to sound arrogant, but people noticed. A famous Argentinian tenor in the audience came to my dressing room afterwards and said: 'You must study. Your voice is interesting.' I took up singing again, got myself a good teacher, moved to Europe in 1991 and here I am today."

Cura today, a 34-year-old resident of Paris, "husband, lover and father of three", stands poised in the early stages of a glorious career as one of the top tenors of his generation. Since 1992, when he met his current teacher Vittorio Terranova and began to concentrate on the Italian operatic style, he has swept across opera stages around the world, singing lead tenor roles and winning rave reviews.

But Cura is a risk-taker. For his first performance as Otello — by no means an easy role — he chose to sing live for television and radio under the baton of Claudio Abbado with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. "Otello is a role that most singers approach gradually. But I knew I was ready for it and so I did it. People say a lot of things about me but nobody can say I haven't got guts."

He displayed his considerable guts again when deciding to record every Puccini tenor aria in existence at one go for a Warner Classics CD. "No other tenor in the world at this stage in their career would attempt the entire Puccini repertoire of arias. But I did. And I'm glad I did. I was prepared and I sang them in my own way. I sing with sobs and cries. I really take on the characters I am playing and I portray feelings, real suffering. My songs are not like computer music, they are the songs of real people . . . I know there is one note that's flat in the recording. It could have been simply adjusted by computer, but I didn't want it changed because I wanted this to be a natural, real sound, not artificial like so many CD recordings."

Jose Cura, "husband and lover"

His next recording will be an album of Argentinian songs, some of his own composition. He will sing in concert with Placido Domingo in London in April next year, and between his commitments he will rush back to his family in Paris. "It's a wonderful way of earning a living, but real life is more important. I'm lucky to have the security of a happy family to come home to. Yes, I am a diva on stage, but at home I am a normal man. I am passionate; I have seen sadness and I am a man who cries very easily . . ." At this point, the flood of words threatens to turn into a flood of tears. Cura is a consummate actor, but he is also intelligent and charming. If he is moody, I caught him in a good mood.

● *José Cura sings in the Royal Opera House Night of the Stars concert at the Albert Hall tomorrow*

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LAST week was a good one for piano concertos. Just a few days after Peter Maxwell Davies's new concerto for the instrument was introduced to a London audience, that of Thomas Adès also received its London premiere, played and conducted by the composer at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the London Sinfonietta.

The work's title, *Concerto Conciso*, proclaims its succinctness — a mere ten minutes in duration. But every second is crammed with detail, whether textural or rhythmic. The ensemble is divided into three groups, of which one brings together the piano and a characteristically exotic array of percussion instruments (including temple blocks, log drum, two stones and a piece of foam).

Metrically, the work is hideously complex. The last pages of the first movement, for example, superimpose five different pulses, although the average listener is unlikely to be aware of it. What he or she actually hears is a generally syncopated rhythm imparting a jazzy feel.

Paradoxically, despite the teeming inner life of the piece and the virtuosity required to bring it off — Adès and the Sinfonietta players handled it all superbly — the overriding impression is one of somewhat exiguous invention. But so cleverly is the whole thing put together that one is happily dazzled by it.

Adès's imaginative programming set the work against the backdrop of three unfamiliar scores from the past few decades. The last thing one would expect from the composer of the *Romanian Rhapsodies* is a score sounding at times like Schoenberg, but Enescu's late Chamber Symphony (1954) irresistibly brought to mind the Viennese composer's first essay in the same genre.

Niccolò Castiglioni's *Cantus Planus II*, on the other hand, echoed Webern in its terse, precisely coloured gestures. Its 12 verses are set for two voices, and Nicole Tibbels and Teresa Shaw brought to it exactly the concentrated focus it demands.

Unfolding on a larger scale is the Concerto of Jean Barraqué, which sets solo clarinet (Timothy Lines) and vibraphone (David Hockings) against a chamber ensemble subdivided not unlike Adès's concerto. Stark eruptions alternate with passages of mollifying lyricism, but although the progress is piecemeal, it cohered, in this superbly executed performance, in a wholly convincing way.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Feasting off Alex

Fiori Musicali
Stationers' Hall

STATIONERS' Hall has been all too rarely used as a concert venue. With a musical history stretching back to the 17th century, when Purcell composed his ode *Hail! Bright Cecilia* for performance on that saint's feast-day in 1692, it is a splendid and appropriate venue for Baroque music.

Now in its third year, the Saint Ceciliatide International Festival of Music opened with Handel's setting of Dryden's ode, *Alexander's Feast, or the Power of Musick*, a text that had already been set to music by Jeremiah Clarke and premiered at the Cecilian festivities in Stationers' Hall 300 years ago. That work has been lost, but Handel's version — first heard in Covent Garden in 1736 — is well-established.

Alexander's Feast displays all Handel's dramatic skills as well as a new and forward-looking flexibility in his approach to musical form. Dryden's vivid handling of the subject-matter — Timotheus, legendary lyre player of the ancient world, convinces Alexander of music's ability to soothe, incite and inspire — itself inspired Handel to a brilliantly evocative score of great depth and beauty. The impact of the small-scale, period-instrument forces of Fiori Musicali in the lively acoustics of Stationers' Hall was strong, despite some shortcomings in the performance as a whole.

Chief among these was the singing of soprano soloist Patrizia Kwella which, for much of the time, was unsettled in tone and wayward in intonation, although when it all came together, as in the battle song of the fifth stanza, there were glimpses of a potentially compelling interpretation. Nicholas Hurndall-Smith's sweet-toned light tenor sounded very well in such a resonant space, while Jozik Koc's bass was almost too powerful at times, though he did bring a spectral quality to the evocation of the "Grecian ghosts, that in battle were slain".

The orchestra and choir of Fiori Musicali were well drilled by their director Penelope Rapson, apart from the odd hiatus, and there was a nicely flowing account by Frances Kelly of the harp concerto that follows, right on cue, the description of Timotheus's "Flying Fingers". The clinking of bottles in preparation for the post-concert banquet was sadly mistimed, accompanying the lament for the fallen hero Darius rather than the Paean to Bacchus in the previous stanza. The Festival lasts for a week, with a repeat performance of *Alexander's Feast* next Saturday.

TESS KNIGHTON

Out of the forests and into the Barbican

ARCHITECTURE: A Finnish festival in London is showcasing an approach to design inspired by nature. **Hilary Finch** reports

Every Londoner loves to hate the Barbican. But imagine what might have happened had a Finnish architect been at the helm in 1972. Just imagine . . . and see a tiny glimpse of it come true as a six-week celebration of Finnish culture opens at the Barbican, and its spaces — from lake through to foyers, halls and galleries — become temporarily transformed by the work of the 26-year-old Kivi Sotamaa and Markus Holmsten, two of Finland's youngest and most revolutionary architects.

The festival is called *Valo*, Finnish for light. For nothing is more essential to an understanding of Finnish culture. In a country where land is just a thin horizontal line between vast spaces of sky and water, artists and architects have developed a unique visual sense, their artefacts intensely fused with the qualities of the natural environment.

It is now accepted that Finland was the source of the new architectural regionalism which has pointed a way out of the dead-end of postmodernism. In his compelling study of Nordic architecture, *Nightlands* (MIT, 1996), Christian Norberg-Schulz attributes the country's visual acuity to the possibilities for freedom in a land of infinite extension. It is no accident that in 1998, the year of the centenary of the great architect Alvar Aalto, a new, all-wood concert hall will rise from the lakeshore in Lahti, 60 miles north of Helsinki. And in the capital itself the new Museum of Contemporary Art, with its highly innovative use of light and interactive spaces, will open in the centre of town.

So, in this festival of visual arts, music, literature and film, it is appropriate that an architectural concept should draw together its many disparate elements. Sotamaa's and Holmsten's concept has been variously described as a large, folded sequence of spaces, a "surfscape" and an archipelago. Sotamaa and Holmsten work as the Helsinki partners of O.C.E.A.N, a new network of cross-disciplinary architectural practices. They foster the hitherto heretical notion of open accessibility and collective interchange of ideas and data. Urban design, architecture, installation art must, they claim, be interactive.

Furniture can be seen as an extension of urban space; building as an intensification of landscape. A commission for an embassy will be designed so that "in years to come, it can be used for something entirely different". Space is flexible, constantly evolving, always "decoding" its environment.

Walk through it all at the Barbican, and you might get some idea. But stop awhile in the Concourse Gallery, for here, within the shifting lights of *Valo*, is the total darkness of a Finnish winter. An exhibition called *Talvi* (Winter) features six of Finland's renowned textile artists — all of them women.

In an old converted railway station, home and studio deep within the forest lakeland of south-east Finland, I met Maisa Tikkanen, pioneer in felt textile design. For centuries the Finns had been using felt for clothing and shoes; but, after seeing a film in 1972 about Turkomen women making their nomadic tents out of felt, Tikkanen was determined to create her own method. Layer upon layer, the wool fibres are pressed into shape and shade. A shaft of amber light pierces shifting blues and indigos; the textures of mosses and lichens are evoked in huge hangings for public buildings.

Tikkanen's latest work lets in more light, more air. *Alfa and Omega*, created last year for the Savonlinna Art Museum, reflects a new obsession with the bare patterns of roots, creepers, branches. This, for Tikkanen, is *talvi* or winter, "undressing nature, stripping it of foliage: the beginning and the end of a new life".

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MOZART AND WOMEN OF NOTE: Joan Bakewell introduces an evening of music by the all-female Ambache Chamber Orchestra which focuses on women composers with Mozart the notable exception. The group's founder, Diana Ambache directs and plays the piano in a programme which includes works by Maria Grandval, Germaine Tailleferre and Louise Farrenc, ending with Mozart's Piano Concerto in C. Elizabeth Layton co-directs.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). *Tonight, 7.45pm.*

ONE MORE WASTED YEAR: Opening of the first of a series of international seasons: this time plays from France, Spain and Germany. Christophe Pellet's play presents three youngish café philosopher types, wondering how to enjoy life. Mary Peate directs a high level cast.
Royal Court Upstairs (Ambassadors), West St, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Opens tonight, 8.45pm. Then tomorrow-Sat, 8.45pm. In rep from Dec 9

ORPHEUS: Kenneth McLeish puts translation aside to write a play of his own, derived from the Greek myth. Actors Touring Company production by Nick Philippou, with Ann Firbank, Shelley King and Gary Turner.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 8701). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until Dec 6 Ⓢ

ROYAL CONCERT: Yakov Kreizberg conducts the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in this annual event under the auspices of the Queen. On the evening's programme are the National Anthem, Brahms's *Academic Festival Overture*, Elgar's Cello Concerto, Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel* and Stravinski's *Firebird Suite*. With cello soloist Steven Isserlis, and Lesley Garrett as the speaker.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargle

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: A three-day Czech Festival starts here tonight as the **Czech National Symphony Orchestra** makes its first appearance in Britain with a mix of familiar as well as lesser-known works by Czech masters. On tonight's musical menu are works by Smetana, Dvořák, Suk and Janáček. Libor Pešek conducts.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm. Separate programmes on Fri and Sat, 8pm.

Yakov Kreizberg swings the baton at the Barbican

HUDDERSFIELD: The Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival launches its 20th season with a visit by the **Vienna Art Orchestra**. Entitled *An Echo from Europe from Django Reinhardt to Django Bates*, the evening's programme features a mix of jazz and classical sounds with music by Barry Guy, Courtney Pine, Jan Garbarek, the two Djangos, and many more.
Lawrence Batley, Queen's Square (01484 430528). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

LIVERPOOL: Yet another event with a strong Czech flavour takes place tonight as the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** under its principal conductor Petr Altrichter performs works by Dvořák and Martinů. A taste of Russia is added with a performance of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1 played by Boris Berezovsky.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (0151-709 3789). Tonight, 7.30pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Adrian Noble directs Helen Schlesinger and Clare Holman as Viola and Olivia in **Twelfth Night**. The cast also includes David Calder, Stephen Boxer and Philip Voss as Malvolio.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside (01789 295623). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Nov 25, 7pm. In repertoire. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: James Ensor (0171-638 8891) ... **British Museum:** Cartier (0171-323 8525) ... **Hayward:** Objects of Desire (0171-928 3144) ... **Museum of London:** Bedlam: Custody, care and cure (0171-600 0807) ... **National:** Holbein's Ambassadors (0171-747 2885) ... **National Portrait:** Sir Henry Raeburn (0171-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy:** Victorian Fairy Painting (0171-439 7438) ... **Royal College of Art:** Artists and Anatomy (0171-590 4444) ... **Tate:** The Age of Rossetti, Burne-Jones and Watts (0171-887 8000)

☐ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST:** Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE BOYS IN THE BAND:** Mart Crowley's ground-breaking gay play from 1968 now something of a period piece with its 'gay means witty but wretched' message. Transfer from the King's Head, Islington.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thur and Sat, 3pm

▨ **CHICAGO:** Revised version of the celebrated Kander & Ebb musical directed by Walter Bobbie. A multi-Tony winner on Broadway last year. Starring Ruthie Henshall, Ute Lemper, Henry Goodman and Nigel Planer.
Adelphi, Strand, London WC2 (0171-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **END OF THE AFFAIR:** Jasper Britton and Caroline Faber in an adaptation of Graham Greene's novel, set during the London Blitz. Directed by Rupert Goold and first seen at Salisbury Playhouse.
Bridewell, Bride Lane EC4 (0171-936 3456). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sun, 3.30pm.

▨ **HENRY V:** Michael Sheen plays the warlike Harry in Ron Daniels's production, not well reviewed in Stratford, perhaps in better shape after its tour. Good performance by Karine Adrover as Katherine.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thur and Sat, 2pm. Until Nov 22. Ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

- ■ House full, returns only
- ▨ Some seats available
- ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Return of Peter Hall's enjoyable production, brimful of deceptions. Starring Martin Shaw and Simon Ward, and Kate O'Mara as the svelte troublemaker.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thur 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

▨ **SCISSOR HAPPY:** Comedy whodunnit where the audience can play detective. Adapted by Neil Mullarkey, Lee Simpson and Jim Sweeney.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm.

☐ **SHE KNOWS YOU KNOW!:** Jean Fergusson writes and stars in this life story of the comic Hylda Baker.
Vaudeville Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until December 7.

☐ **TONGUE OF A BIRD:** Beautiful acting but in a wispy play by Ellen McLaughlin about mothers seeking daughters and vice versa.
Almeida Theatre, 108 Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Until November 29. Ⓢ

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** Powerful playing by Desmond Barrit as Arthur Miller's longshoreman destroyed by incestuous feelings for his niece.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until November 29. Ⓢ

☐ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Peter Hall, who directed the British premiere in 1955, directs Alan Howard and Ben Kingsley in Beckett's finest drama.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep.

☐ **WOYZECK:** Sarah Kane's gripping production of Buchner's tragedy of a common man. Riveting performances by Michael Shannon and Kate Ashfield.
Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until November 22.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) ... ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged):** Criterion (0171-369 1737) ... ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar:** Lyceum (0171-656 1807) ... ☐ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) ... ☐ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ... ☐ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ... ☐ **Smokey Joe's Cafe:** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5987) ... ☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

CHASING AMY (18): Comic-book artist finds himself in love with a lesbian. Appealing new film from *Clerks* director Kevin Smith, with Ben Affleck and Joey Lauren Adams.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990)

FULL CONTACT (18): Routine Hong Kong gangster fare, with Chow Yun Fat and much violent action. Director, Ringo Lam.
ABC Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **G.I. JANE** (15): Demi Moore tests her mettle in the Navy Seal training programme. Unpleasant, masochistic spectacle, directed by Ridley Scott.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0181-970 6015) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **INCOGNITO** (15): Foolish American thriller, made in Europe, with Jason Patric as an art forger accused of murder. With Irene Jacob, Rod Steiger. Director, John Badham.
Virgin Trocadero Ⓢ (0181-970 6015) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where *indicated with the symbol* ◆) on release across the country

LAST SUMMER IN THE HAMPTONS (15): Loves and deceptions of theatre folk at a Long Island summer retreat. Beguiling film from American maverick Henry Jaglom, with Victoria Foyt and Viveca Lindfors.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **Odeon Camden Town** (0181-315 4255)

◆ **TRIAL AND ERROR** (12): Actor steps in for hung-over attorney and defends a fraud case. Lame, uncertain comedy, with Michael Richards and Jeff Daniels. Director, Jonathan Lynn.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

CURRENT

◆ **FACE/OFF** (18): FBI agent John Travolta and terrorist Nicolas Cage swap identities. Outrageous thriller that never knows when to stop. John Woo directs.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Camden** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Sq** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **L.A. CONFIDENTIAL** (18): Smashing drama about corruption in LA in the early 1950s, with Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe, Kim Basinger, Guy Pearce and Danny DeVito. Director, Curtis Hanson.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **A LIFE LESS ORDINARY** (15): Janitor and American heiress finally fall in love. Odd mix of comedy, fantasy and romance from the *Trainspotting* team. With Ewan McGregor and Cameron Diaz. Director, Danny Boyle.
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WILDE (15): Stephen Fry as Oscar Wilde: fine and touching, though the film is more timid than you might expect. Conventional direction by Brian Gilbert.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker St** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

BILL COOPER

Thanks to Birmingham Royal Ballet, which gave the sets and costumes for *La Fille mal gardée* free of charge, Scottish Ballet has a Christmas show

He who pays the piper

Two months ago Scottish Ballet almost went out of business. But as **Christopher Bowen** reports, it's not the only Scottish arts organisation to find itself in trouble

Wanted: people with skill, experience and dedication to join Scottish Ballet. Aspiring Darcey Bussells and Irek Mukhamedovs need not apply: what the company wants now isn't dancers, but directors.

Indeed, if the recent advertisements are anything to go by, more than one set of skills is still lacking: expertise in "dance, theatre, finance, human relations, fundraising, communications and marketing" are all required as Scottish Ballet searches for a new role in the world of dance.

Not that the new three-member board has had much time to assess the company's needs, hastened into place as they were to comply with the Scottish Arts Council's demand that the former board resign en masse if the company was to receive the next tranche of its £2.1 million annual subsidy. That demand — and the crisis it created for Scotland's national dance company — arose out of a complicated situation involving not just Scottish Ballet and its principal funder, but also the country's other major performing arts companies: Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

It began with a threat from Scottish Opera to go part-time in the face of a subsidy shortfall and continued with the realisation that all four Scottish companies were facing financial meltdown. Eventually, a Scottish Office-backed £2.4 million rescue plan emerged, involving orchestral provision for the opera and ballet being provided by the three full-time orchestras — Scottish Opera, the RSNO and SCO — with Scottish Ballet's freelance orchestra being disbanded. Scottish Ballet would receive compensatory funding, and all four would investigate other cost savings. Scottish Ballet, however, refused to play ball and quit the negotiations after failing to receive a guarantee that it would not be financially worse off under the new arrangement.

That exit lost Scottish Ballet its share of the rescue package, but doubts over the company's long-term financial viability also cost it a Scottish Arts Council-administered lottery application to fund a new Christmas show, just as the SAC's own Dance Panel was recommending that the balance of Scottish Ballet's core funding be withheld on the grounds that the company wasn't performing enough to merit its annual subsidy. The SAC's response was to ask Scottish Ballet's board to step down, and for a new board drastically to reshape the company, or face closure.

Seona Reid, director of the Scottish Arts Council, is aware that any reshaping will take time: "It is for the board to decide the nature of Scottish Ballet's artistic vision, and that can't be articulated fully until they find an artistic director. But the broad principle is that the company should be a dynamic, classically-based ensemble rooted in Scottish culture — and I don't mean *Riverdance* in kilts — making links with Scottish designers and composers. There should be a Scottish resonance to the work."

Not that there is much Scottish resonance in the company's forthcoming production of Frederick Ashton's *La Fille mal gardée*, which is happening because Birmingham Royal Ballet stepped in to offer its sets and costumes free of charge to Scottish Ballet when its new Christmas show was aborted. And Scottish Ballet's chairman, John Moreland, seems even less sure when it comes to defining just what a "classically-based company" means in Scottish terms. The company's core of dancers is "our greatest asset", he says. But the board is unsure quite how many of them it will be able to retain. And next spring's touring schedule remains an unknown quantity after the company's main Scottish venues in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen rejected its proposed programme.

> ❛ Some tough choices will have to be made about arts provision ❜

In the meantime, the board has a double task, to find "a new vision and a new artistic director. It's a bit chicken and egg," says Moreland. "You have to have the vision before knowing what you want from a director."

And the director? "We want a star, somebody big in the world of dance. It's just like saying to an artist, 'this is the frame for a picture to fit my lounge, do something magnificent inside it'."

If "doing something magnificent" means a redefinition of the company's identity, that is something the board seems prepared to live with. Indeed, redefinition — arising in part from the Scottish Arts Council's new funding decisions — is taking place in a number of companies across Scotland. The result, as Seona Reid recognises, is a crisis "in some arts and some organisations", while other sectors are "extraordinarily buoyant and doing extremely well".

Crisis, however, rather than buoyancy, is what Robert Palmer is most aware of, especially in the theatre. Soon to depart after almost ten years as Glasgow City Council's performing arts supremo, he has suffered a 6 to 9 per cent cut in his department's funding every year for the past four years. Now, the long-established touring company Wildcat has had its Scottish Arts Council core funding withdrawn; Glasgow's Citizens and the innovative Tron Theatres are both offering reduced programmes; even Glasgow's one-time cultural flagship, Mayfest, has been allowed to go to the wall.

But Palmer rejects any prospect of imminent artistic collapse in the city: "Is cultural life in Glasgow in crisis? I don't think so. The energies are still there. But we're not fed by the energy of the city as we were five or six years ago. Glasgow is in a state of transition, but if there isn't an end to it pretty soon, there will be a crisis."

Reid recognises the problems: her arts panels regularly receive six times as many funding applications as they can support. "There has been a decline in the money available: a huge cut in local authority funding and in real terms a 1 per cent cut from the Scottish Arts Council."

It is tempting, with local authorities up against the wall and increased demands on SAC resources, to wonder if Scotland, with a population of five million, can continue to sustain its national arts institutions — full-scale opera and ballet companies with their own musical resource, a symphony and chamber orchestra plus the BBC Scottish Symphony. As Scotland prepares for its own Parliament, some tough choices will have to be made about the country's arts provision.

But Ruth Mackenzie, the newly-installed head of Scottish Opera, is grateful that someone at least is prepared to take hard decisions. "Of course the SAC doesn't have enough money, but in England the crisis is that nobody takes any decisions: the funding bodies stick with equal misery for all. At the end, the point of the funding system is to take those horrible decisions that none of us in the arts could possibly voice.

"We're a funny lot in this business; on the one hand, we strive for new developments, new visions. Then, when the status quo changes, we scream blue murder."

● La Fille mal gardée *opens at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow (0141-332 9000) tomorrow at 7.15pm*

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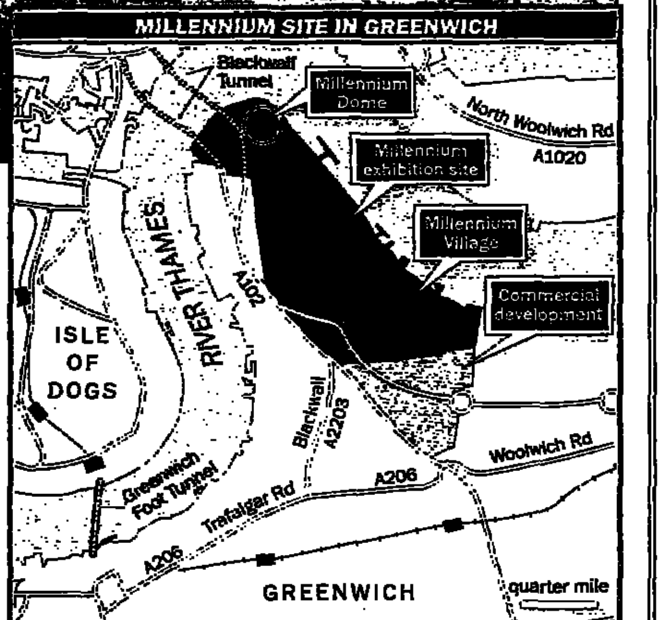
One of the untidiest and foulest-smelling corners of Britain: site of the Millennium Dome and future homes in Greenwich, southeast London, opposite Canary Wharf on the Thames



Peninsular war on poison plot

Two million homes are scheduled for brownfield sites such as Greenwich. **Eve-Ann Prentice** on a key clean-up campaign

When the first seconds of January 1, 2000, tick us into the new millennium, all eyes will turn to what until recently ranked as one of the ugliest and foulest corners of Britain.

Greenwich peninsula, which will host the mother of all new year parties focused on the Millennium Dome, was polluted by decades as home to a huge gasworks. Other parts of the peninsula became a vile rubbish dump and scrapyard for much of southeast London. Anyone who ever queued on the peninsula to travel north through the Blackwall Tunnel in the 1980s can testify to the noxious odours, which could permeate the area.

Now a massive clean-up of the 300-acre site is expected to be finished by early next year. The first poles of the Millennium Dome are in place and developers are hotly competing for contracts to build thousands of homes next to the Millennium Exhibition site.

With the Government anxious for new homes to be built on other so-called brownfield sites, how has Greenwich managed to clean up its act? And where there was muck in abundance, will there now be brass?

The main cost of cleaning the site has been met by British Gas, but responsibility for checking that it is safe to live — as well as to party — also rests with Greenwich council, the the Environment Department, English Partnerships, which owns the site, and the New Millennium Experience.

All are "determined that there should be absolutely no risk to the health of either visitors to or workers at the Millennium Exhibition or other areas of the peninsula". English Partnerships is the government agency responsible for regenerating derelict and vacant land with the help of public, private and voluntary organisations.

The level of pollution on Greewich peninsula was so high that a spokesman from Greenwich council concedes: "It has always been accepted that the site will not be totally cleared of contamination." However, he stresses: "It is of prime importance that each area is safe for its intended use. For example, areas which will in future form the gardens of homes will have the highest level of cleansing to prevent any material leaching through the soil." The council points out that the peninsula is just one brownfield site being redeveloped in the borough. "Over the years, Greenwich's environmental health officers have developed an expertise in assessing and monitoring the cleaning-up of land prior to its redevelopment."

The gasworks dominated the peninsula from the late 19th century until the 1970s, when North Sea gas made it redundant. Much of the land was then used by haulage companies, waste transfer stations, scrapyards and other light industrial tenants.

The scale of the main clean-up was so large that Greenwich council says it does not know how much it has cost, but it must be many, many millions. British Gas, which sold its site to English Partnerships in February this year, is paying £22 million alone to clean up "the balance of the site yet to be remediated".

About 5,000 homes for a wide cross-section of people are to be built south of the exhibition site and a shortlist of developers' consortiums was announced in September. They are: Barratts/Laing/Persimmon/Wimpey; Countryside/Taylor Woodrow; Manhattan Loft/Osborne Group/Grosvenor Estate; and Hutchison Whampoa/Bovis. The successful consortium will be announced early in the new year, soon after their final plans have been submitted.

Prospective buyers and tenants of the new homes, to be known as Millennium Village, are not the only people who need the site to be clean and safe. The winning consortium is also expected to build a school, hotel, parks, offices and a light industrial area, providing 5,400 jobs. More than 12 million people are expected to visit the Millennium Exhibition in 2000 alone.

Plans for cleaning the old gasworks site were begun in the 1980s, long before the millennium party bid was won. British Gas sought permission to build an ambitious mixed-use development of offices, shops and homes. In 1988, Greenwich council's environmental health department became involved and a major soil investigation was carried out. Over the next seven years, nearly 1,000 pits were dug, 30 gas probes sunk and 21 boreholes were investigated to see how bad the problem was. The tests showed contamination which included coal tar, foul lime waste, cyanide and heavy metals. There was further evidence of other chemical contamination.

The main strategy then was to remove 200,000 tonnes of contaminated material to licensed landfill sites in Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. Much of the soil was, however, treated on site, and polluted groundwater was pumped out and cleaned. Any remaining contaminated areas have been or will be "capped", in some cases by several layers of materials including concrete.

The high-profile Greenwich redevelopment is likely to be closely watched by other councils and agencies developing brownfield sites to cope with the burgeoning need for new homes into the next century. Richard Caborn, the Planning Minister, last week announced that the Government is to build half of the 4.4 million homes on brownfield sites.

With housing estates being planned on many formerly polluted sites, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors recently issued guidelines for its members to help them to assess contaminated land. They include a checklist aimed at helping chartered surveyors to take a consistent approach to assessing any environmental risk. The Government is expected to publish new policy guidelines on contaminated land next year.

To let: the ideal island

Amanda Loose spots a house offering the ultimate in privacy

THE National Trust is seeking a new tenant for Derwent Island, on Derwent Water in the Lake District. On the seven-acre island is a Grade II listed, late 18th-century Palladian villa.

Much work has been done over the past few years by the trust and by Peter and Vanessa Sorton, who have lived on the island for the past four years. An Italian garden has been created and the villa's interior restored. The couple have to move back to Keswick on the mainland. Mr Sorton, a forensic scientist, says: "We love the place, but the lake can freeze, and sometimes there are force 8 gales, when the winds funnel along the valley."

The island has a chequered history. In the 12th century, it fell into the hands of Fountains Abbey. In 1539 it passed to the Crown, then to a German mining company. In 1778 it was bought by Joseph Pocklington, of Nottinghamshire, whom Wordsworth dubbed the "alien improver".

Pocklington built the existing house, now much altered, as well as several follies, and a fortified porter's lodge. Local people were enraged, and many of his eccentric schemes were reversed by later owners.

Derwent Island, as it became known in the 19th century, was given to the trust in 1951 by the Marshall family, who had lived there since 1844. They made great improvements to the house, extending it and redesigning the interiors.

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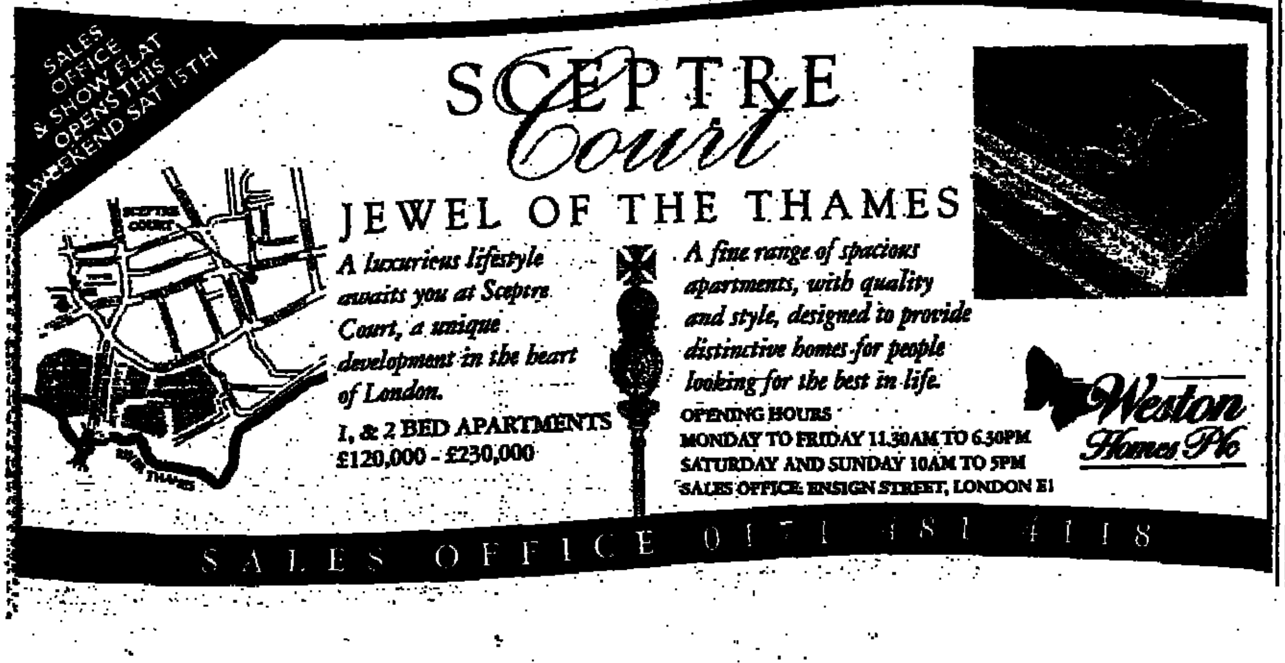

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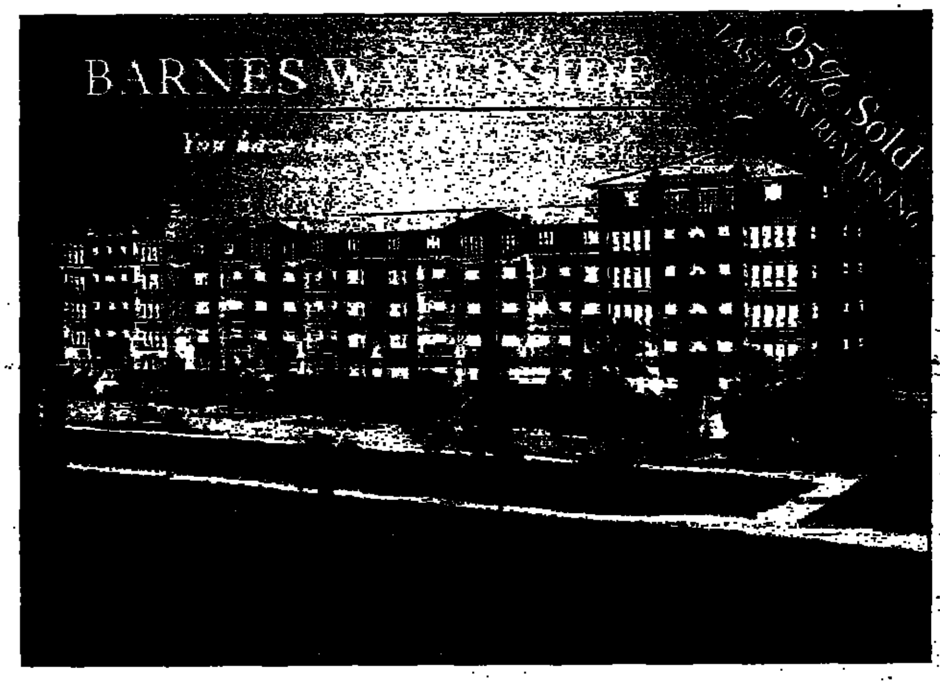

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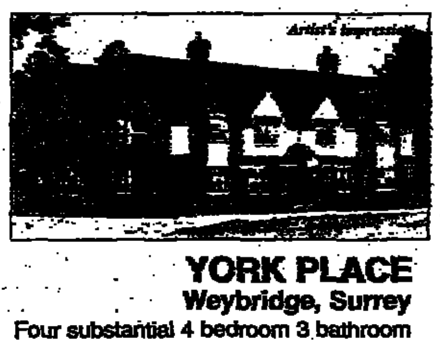

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain fail to bridge class barrier

By Christopher Irvine

THE front page headline in the *League Express* newspaper summed up the despondency after Australia's 2-1 victory in the British Gas series. "Can Britain ever win?" it asked.

Australia have maintained their 24-year dominance, prompting the familiar soul-searching about where it leaves rugby league in this country and the direction it needs to take.

Even if Great Britain had won the deciding match on Sunday, rather then meekly capitulating, it would hardly have been an instant cure for the game's ills — but at least it would have been a rallying point around which the game's administrators and potential backers could have gathered to develop the sport with confidence, particularly after the shambles of the world club championship. Instead, the inferiority complex that was redolent of Britain's pitiful first-half display at Elland Road has deepened.

Comparing English rugby league to its Australian counterpart is roughly equivalent to contrasting English and Australian football. Australian players are the product of a well-stocked, wealthy and influential system — albeit it one split in two at the moment — which Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumbria have no hope of matching, even as lip service is paid to development.

Australia identified many years ago that young players were the future. The one encouragement to emerge in Britain recently is the co-operation between the Rugby Football League and the British Amateur Rugby League Association to foster the junior game. The basics should be ingrained early, but, in a telling comment before the series began, Andy Goodway, the Britain coach, said that he could have spent days just brushing up the players' skills.

It was not simply that Australia were stronger and more athletic — they were not as prone as Britain were (at least not at Wembley and Elland Road) to the panic-strewn errors responsible for seven tries in the 37-20 defeat on Sunday. No amount of criticism of the league structure in Britain can absolve the players from blame for that.

Although good enough for one win in each of the four series since 1988, in all matches that have mattered against Australia, including the 1992 and 1995 World Cup finals, Britain have lost. The pressure situation brings the best out of Australia precisely because they are used to a similar intensity week-in, week-out at home, whereas there is barely of quorum of decent home-grown players at some British Super League clubs to ensure the same level of competitiveness.

Too many second-rate Australians are filling the gaps in British teams and the same arguments about too many clubs chasing too few players who are good enough — arguments that are rehearsed after every series defeat — broadly remain the same. With rugby league's production bed so small and concentrated, the danger of cutting out too much of what is perceived to be dead wood is that the roots may be also removed.

Expansion to Wales, Scotland or wherever might fulfil the franchising criteria of the Super League contract, but it is unlikely in the short-to-medium term to close the gap on Australia, a gap that can only widen if a united team, with the Australian Rugby League players on board, can be agreed for the World Cup next year.

Judgment day for title chasers

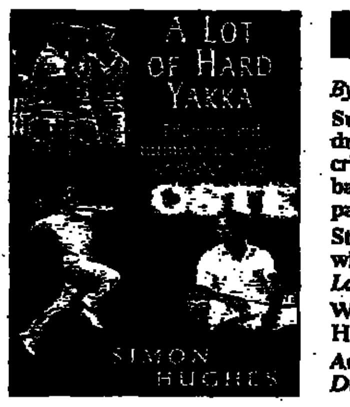
Simon Wilde casts a critical eye over the half dozen shortlisted for the William Hill sports book of the year

Life is a breeze for Nick Hornby these days. The film rights to his novels are fought over in Hollywood for millions of pounds and his books outsell those of Booker Prize winners. He may not remember the details of his rise to the top, but others do. They are desperate to imitate him. "Hornby's *Fever Pitch* [his first book] would have made it anyway, but we gave it a helping hand," John Gaustad said. He is chairman of the adjudicating panel for the William Hill sports book of the year award, which Hornby won five years ago. "Our prize was the only one the book ever received."

It was a turning point, not only for the author but for the award, which will be delivered to the 1997 winner, presently residing among an expectant shortlist of six candidates, this afternoon. "When we met to choose the first winner in 1989, I do not recall us taking it particularly seriously," Gaustad said. "There was a lot of scepticism about the award, especially among publishers and others in the book trade. They frowned on the involvement of a bookmaker. It gradually emerged that this was indeed something of merit."

Nowadays, budding authors are only too well aware of the 5,000 guineas first prize and the likelihood that success would at least double sales, not to mention the prospect of "doing a Hornby". Publishers are equally keen to produce winners from their stables: there is one, in particular, whose books show every sign of being tailored with this aim in mind. It is now accepted wisdom that entrants must either tell the judges something they did not know, or give them a familiar subject with an original slant, but approach is one thing, suitably good writing another. Nor do established reputations count for anything with Gaustad's peppery cohort of Lord Howell, Hugh McIlvanney, Cliff Morgan, Ian Wooldridge and Frances Edmonds.

Only one standard biography has ever won, though there are two on this year's shortlist, and the range of sports is democratically wide. Football and boxing have been the successful themes twice: rowing, cycling, golf and rugby union once each. One of the strongest contenders for this year's prize is Simon Hughes's honest, entertaining and picaresque account of his 14 seasons as a county cricketer. The favourite is Richard Williams's portrayal of life on the Formula One circuit.



A LOT OF HARD YAKKA

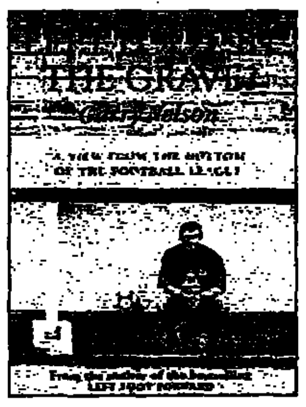
By Simon Hughes (Headline, £16.99)

Subject: Gossipy, irreverent and unprecedentedly frank dressing-room diary, spread over 15 years, of life as a county cricketer. Sets author's own heart-on-sleeve tale against the backdrop of an indolent English system struggling to keep pace in a game that was developing rapidly elsewhere.

Strengths: As life-lived-through-sport, it is pure Hornby, while the sex-and-booze boys-on-tour elements tap into the *Loaded* market. The book that cricket needed.

Weaknesses: Ethical question about authenticity. Did Hughes really carry a notebook in his bag throughout?

Author: Former Middlesex and Durham player turned *Daily Telegraph* and BBC Television factotum.



LEFT FOOT IN THE GRAVE?

By Garry Nelson (CollinsWillow, £14.99)

Subject: Sensitive and candid locker-room diary by player-coach of Torquay United, basement-dwellers of the English professional football community. In sport, realism does not come much grittier than this: the club had no money and rarely won, but what does that matter when you love the game?

Strengths: Eye for irony and this-is-as-it-really-is pragmatism. Gets William Hill and McIlvanney into first 16 pages.

Weaknesses: People can bear only so much reality. As with previous book, *Left Foot Forward*, which shortlisted in 1995, required the collaboration of Anthony Fowles.

Author: 18 years a professional player, now chief executive of Professional Footballers' Association.

RACERS

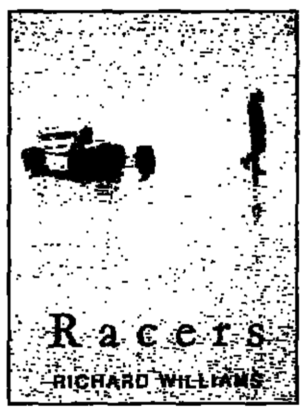
By Richard Williams (Viking, £16.99)

Subject: An insider's behind-the-scenes look at a year in the life of Formula One: the circus, the celebrities, the chicanes; the glamour, the girls, the godfathers. High-octane drama that catches up in the slipstream of the three-way contest between Hill, Villeneuve and Schumacher for the 1996 world title.

Strengths: Highly informed. Handles the narrative road with assurance and clarity. Timely promotion opportunities courtesy of Schumacher and Ecclestone.

Weaknesses: May be left choking on fumes of Government's *nicotine war and Schumacher's outlandish behaviour.*

Author: Multi-skilled and much-travelled journalist, who writes for *The Guardian.*



GOLDEN BOY: WILF MANNION

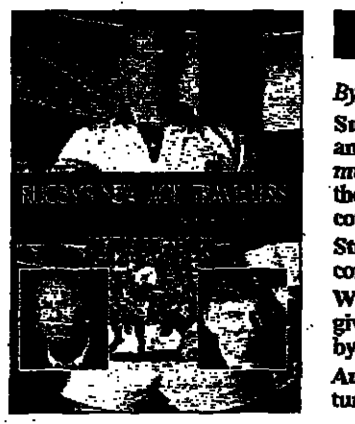
By Nick Varley (Aurum Press, £14.95)

Subject: First biography of neglected football legend, who went from rags to riches and back. Rose from urchin to England inside forward, then martyred himself in fight against enslavement of professionals. Without today's inflated wages or jobs for old boys, he reached his nadir working as a tea-boy.

Strengths: Deals with contemporary themes such as players' rights, bungs and bribes. Reminds Wooldridge that he called for sympathetic telling of the Mannion story 41 years ago.

Weaknesses: Highly conventional method and turn of phrase. Perhaps too reverential.

Author: Former north-east football reporter, now with *The Guardian.*



RUGBY'S NEW-AGE TRAVELLERS

By Stuart Barnes (Mainstream, £14.99)

Subject: Insider's look at first year of professional rugby, as amateurism met commercialism head-on, jeopardising the *much-loved but mediocre five nations' championship.* Follows the fortunes of a player (Lawrence Dallaglio), a club (Bath), a country (England) and a confederation (British Lions).

Strengths: Informed and balanced treatment. Makes sense of complex topics.

Weaknesses: Lumbers along, with author's imagination not given enough of the ball. Thunder of passages on Bath stolen by BBC Television's *The Rugby Club.*

Author: Former Bath, England and British Lions player, since turned newspaper columnist and television pundit.

W. G.

By Robert Low (Richard Cohen, £18.99)

Subject: Umpteenth biography of England cricketing legend, rightly revered as father of modern game. Brought up in talented, sports-mad family, Grace never got round to doing much else, except dabbling in other sports. Earned sort of money as amateur that would make Mannion blanch.

Strengths: *Gives full and balanced account and, remarkably,* uncovers new material.

Weaknesses: Conventional method. Gets bogged down in detail of Grace's interminable career and fails to address the mystery of his strangely stunted personality.

Author: Former sports editor of *The Observer*, now with *Reader's Digest.*

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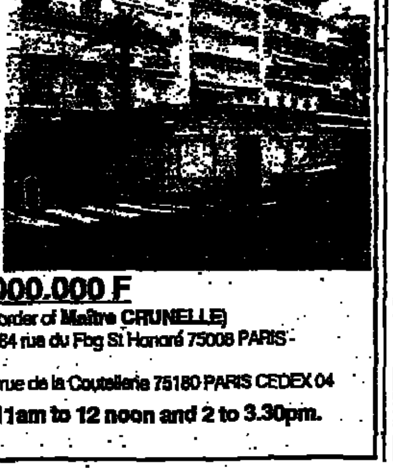

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CRICKET: WALSH'S MISS UNDERLINES DISPIRITED MOOD OF WEST INDIES AFTER DEPRESSING DAY

Pakistan assume position of total command

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PESHAWAR

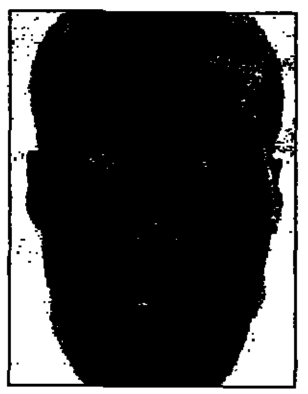
SLOWLY, but no less steadily for that, Pakistan are building a significant lead in this first Test against West Indies here. They batted through the second day to end it on 246 for five, a lead of 95, and if they establish an advantage of 175 runs before West Indies bat a second time, they will expect to win inside four days.

There were some unhappy and footsore men wearing maroon caps at the end of a day memorable chiefly for the fact that Ambrose failed to take a wicket. It cannot have occurred many times in his distinguished Test career that an innings has lasted 87 overs without any contribution from him. He bowled well enough here, but the fact remains as plain as the nose on his face — nought for 58 so far.

He was not at all pleased to leave the field three balls early after the batsmen accepted an offer of bad light for the second successive day. Perhaps his frustration was directly partly at himself, for he had just been no-balled for bowling short, twice, at Moin Khan. The five runs that Azhar Mahmood had taken earlier in the over, when Walsh's run-out attempt led to four overthrows, did little to lighten his mood.

Indeed, it was a galling day for Walsh and his men. The crowd pelted boundary fielders with food, stopping play on three occasions, and the captain dropped the sort of dolly at mid-on when Inzamam was five that reduces spectators to helpless laughter.

His players were less amused and Lara, at slip, fell to his knees in despair. There had been a clue in the morning that captain and captain *manqué* do not share the same vision. As Walsh left the field for minor repairs, Lara immediately withdrew Simmons from the attack after a single over and called upon Lewis, the leg spinner, for his first bowl in Test cricket.


Ambrose: frustrated

It was a reasonable decision. Simmons is not remotely good enough a bowler at this level and, on the same pitch that Mushtaq had taken five wickets the day before, Lewis was surely worth a go. In fact his 19 overs brought no wicket for 70 runs and highlighted the vast disparity between these teams in bowling resources. Lewis looks no more than a net bowler.

Pakistan should really have had a better day than they did when Saeed Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed were making 133 for the second wicket. It was possible to see them carrying a lead of 150 into the third day. Saeed — compact in defence, elegant in attack, particularly through the on side — played quite beautifully.

Ijaz, of course, is a different character altogether. He lived dangerously early on and, even when he found the boundary, it tended to be with one of those undecorous forehand smashes. No matter, it works for him and the partnership was a fascinating alliance of styles. Both batsmen made 65, but there was no doubting whose innings was the better to watch.

Hooper's gentle off spin accounted for Saeed, and Bishop, changing ends after a wayward first spell, got Ijaz in a much-improved second one. It was during that spell that Walsh committed his howler with the dropped catch and West Indies must have known then that they would have to live off scraps.

Mohammed Wasim, after plundering some pleasing runs through mid-wicket, was bowled off an inside edge. Wasim Akram, going in ahead of Mahmood, hardly justified his promotion. He nudged five singles and then advanced so far down the pitch to clatter Hooper into the stands that he was almost within greeting distance of the bowler when Williams removed the bails.

Moin, batting more sensibly, made sure that there were no further mishaps and, to the delight of the partisans, he drove Lewis high and straight for six.

It was not quite the shot of the day. That belonged to the chief of police, who booted some miscreant up the backside as he was being frogmarched out of the ground. They could use a man like that at Headingley.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings 151 (Mushtaq Ahmed 5-35)

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar c Williams b Hooper	65
Aamir Sohail c Lara b Walsh	4
Ijaz Ahmed c Hooper b Bishop	65
Mohammad Wasim b Walsh	28
Inzamam-ul-Haq retired hurt	13
†Moin Khan not out	36
*Wasim Akram st Williams b Hooper	5
Azhar Mahmood not out	14
Extras (lb 3, nb 11, w 2)	16
Total (5 wkts, 86.3 overs)	246

Mushtaq Ahmed, Shahid Nazir and Arshad Khan to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-143, 3-145, 4-193, 5-207.

BOWLING: Ambrose 17.3-3-58-0; Walsh 16-5-30-2; Bishop 16-4-44-1; Simmons 1-0-4-0; Lewis 19-5-70-0; Hooper 17-6-37-2.

Umpires: D Shepherd (England) and Said Shah (Pakistan).

Ijaz drives during his eccentric innings of 65. Photograph: Mueenuddin Hameed

Gallian confirms move

BY RICHARD HOBSON

JASON GALLIAN will confirm today his decision to join Nottinghamshire after rejecting offers from Middlesex and Glamorgan. He left Lancashire at the end of last season and has agreed a three-year contract at Trent Bridge.

Alan Ormrod, the Nottinghamshire team manager, said: "He wants to get his international career back on line and feels the best chance of doing it is with us. He is one of the best opening batsmen in the country, so I think he has every chance." It was Ormrod, while at Lancashire, who originally persuaded Gallian to leave Australia and gave him his county debut after a four-year qualification period.

Gallian, 26, made the last of his three Test appearances in South Africa two years ago, but scored only 394 runs in the county championship last season at an average of 26.26. His departure from Old Trafford was widely expected and, with the emergence of Nathan Wood and Andrew Flintoff, not long mourned. Nottinghamshire see him as a successor to Tim Robinson, who retires at the end of next season, as the cornerstone of the innings and a future captain.

Ormrod said that the signing would not affect Nottinghamshire's pursuit of Chris Adams. The two held talks on Monday, but Ormrod said the offer was "nowhere near" the £85,000-a-year purportedly on the table from Sussex.

□ Surrey will stage two Axa Life League day-night matches under floodlights within 48 hours of one another next season, against Sussex and Derbyshire, on Monday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 5. The matches will be in August to avoid a clash with the World Cup finals.

□ Javagal Srinath returns after a shoulder injury to lead the India attack in the first Test match against Sri Lanka, which begins in Mohali today.

TENNIS

Pierce looks the part as French take lead roles

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

THE Tricolour was waved over Madison Square Garden with varying degrees of success and defiance by Mary Pierce, Nathalie Tauziat and Sandrine Testud on Monday night in the opening round of the Chase Championships.

Pierce marked her return to fitness and form with a straightforward victory over Sabine Appelmans, 6-3, 6-4, Tauziat overwhelmed the No 4 seed, Amanda Coetzer, 6-3, 6-3, while Testud gave Irina Spirlea, the No 8 seed, the runaround for three sets before losing 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

For Pierce, the victory was sweet. Her career has been a mixture of fame and misfortune. When she won the Australian Open in 1995, she became better known for the antics of her father than her tennis and, as she changed coaches, gained weight and struggled with a shoulder injury, 1996 turned into a year to forget.

This year has been much better as she has fought her way back into the top ten and helped France to win the Fed Cup. However, just when everything was going well, she was laid low by a kidney infection, missed three tournaments and was beaten by Serena Williams in Chicago on her return. That made her pull out of the Advanta Championship in Philadelphia last week to prepare for this event.

Leaner and fitter but still displaying her trademarks — the regal bearing and those figure-hugging outfits — Pierce is back in business. Working with Craig Kardon, who helped guide Martina Navratilova to world domination, Pierce occasionally showed off her new toy — the volley. However, when it came to doing serious damage, it was the familiar forehand that undid Appelmans. Broken early in both sets, she never looked likely to recover.

Pierce's next challenge is a little more daunting, for she faces either Martina Hingis, the world No 1, or Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, the Dutchwoman with the game's hardest service.

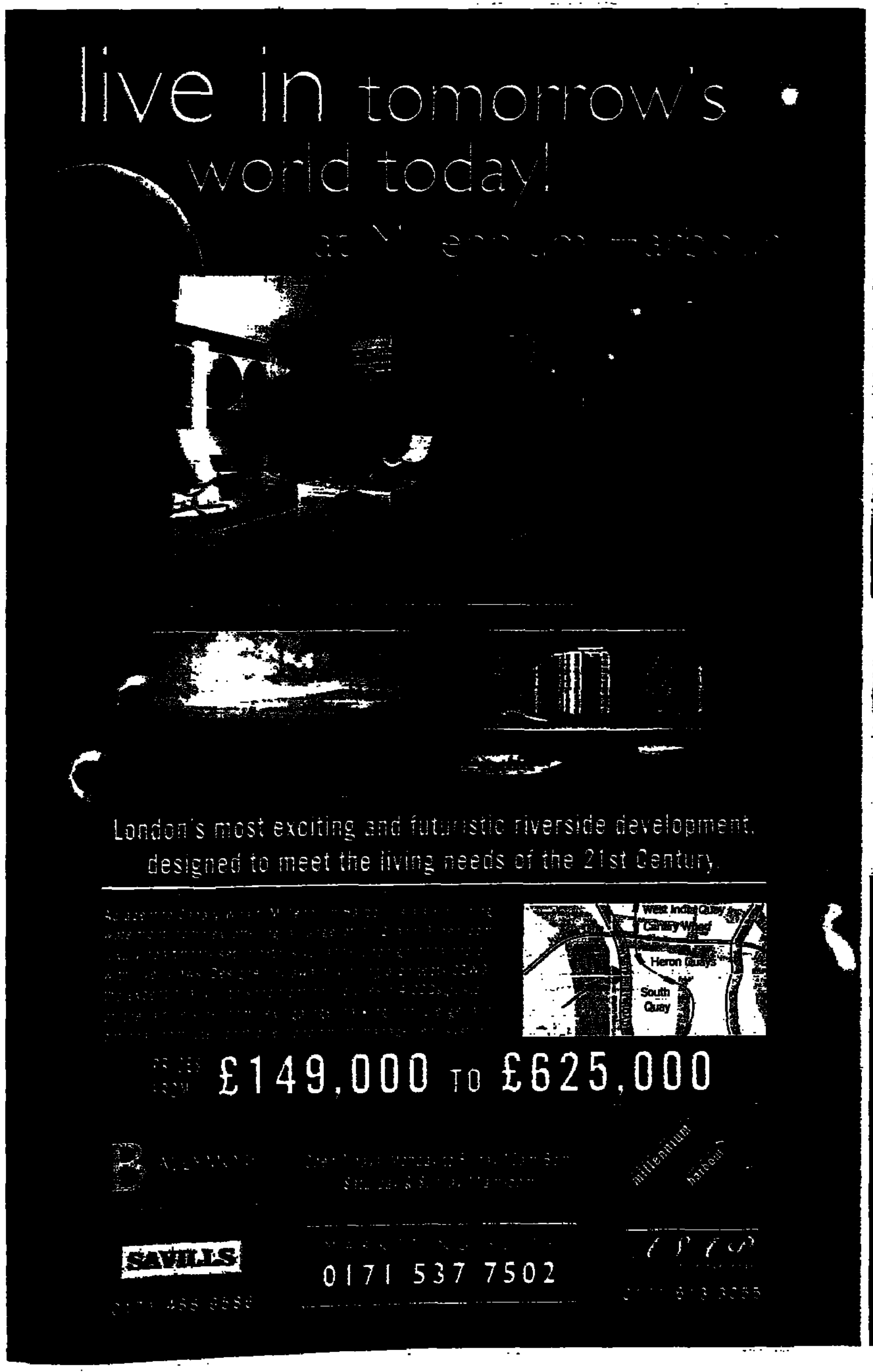
With Pierce commanding the limelight, Nathalie Tauziat usually finds herself cast in a supporting role in French tennis, much to her annoyance. Now 30, she has never made it past the first round in New York before, but, facing Coetzer, she was determined to change that.

So far this year, Coetzer has travelled more than 100,000 miles in pursuit of titles and ranking points and now it all began to catch up with her. She looked tired and Tauziat, a wily campaigner, made the most of it.

Pierce: dominant

The championships began with a farewell. After 15 years on the road, amassing 17 grand-slam doubles titles and two Olympic gold medals, Gigi Fernandez called it a day. She and Natasha Zvereva were beaten 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in the first round by Larisa Neiland and Helena Sukova, having led 4-2 in the final set.

This was always going to be Fernandez's final tournament, but she was hoping to go out with a win. No matter — she is planning a happy retirement on the golf course.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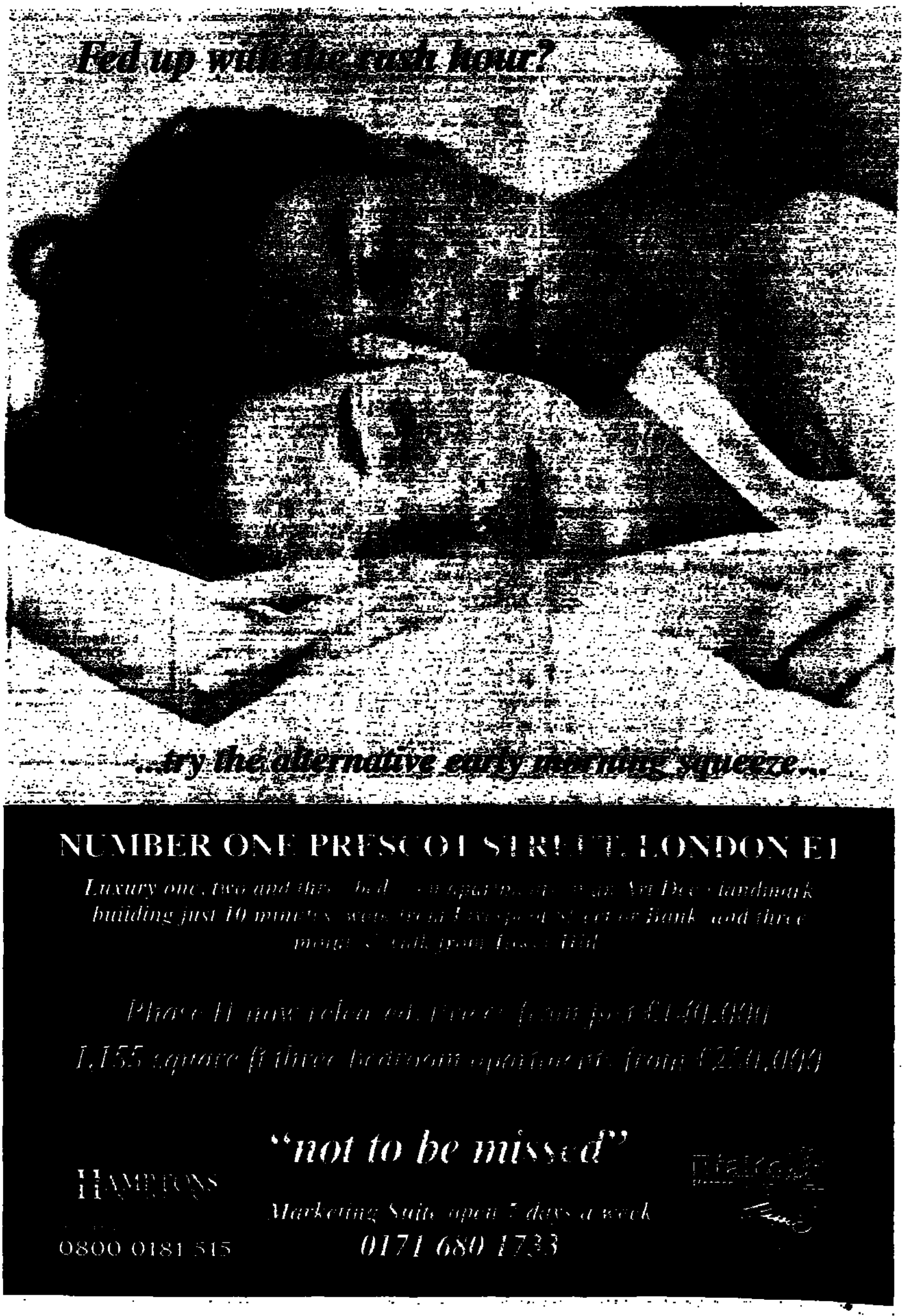
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RACING: LEG PROBLEM LEAVES SPECTACULAR NATIONAL WINNER LIKELY TO SIT OUT REMAINDER OF THE SEASON

Lord Gyllene doubtful for Aintree defence

By Chris McGrath

THERE are flint-hearted veterans who will tell you that the Martell Grand National, its fences tamed, no longer presents the daunting test of old. But those horses equal to its modern challenge nonetheless seem to be punished for their hubris, and the odds duly seem to be mounting against Lord Gyllene returning to Aintree in April.

One of the most spectacular winners in 150 runnings of the great steeplechase, Lord Gyllene put the Shropshire yard of Steve Brookshaw on the map with a joyous 25-length rout of Suny Bay back in the spring. But he seems increasingly destined to sit out the present campaign, and a National that — after another increase in prize-money, up by £50,000 to £350,000 — will be the most valuable jumps race ever staged in Britain.

Last year, Rough Quest was likewise thwarted by a leg problem, meaning that no horse has defended his status as National hero since Miinnehoma was pulled up in 1995. While Brookshaw has not given up yet, his sudden fame will not prompt any imprudent rush of blood as he nurses Lord Gyllene back from the setback that brought him to a standstill last month.

Yesterday he opened his gates to the media, who sagely observed the horse prancing friskily through the puddles round the picturesque red-brick courtyard of Preston Farm. With the horse's owner, Stan Clarke, out of the country until the end of the month, Brookshaw could not permit himself explicitly to concede defeat. But one did not have to squint too closely between the lines to feel that there was an appropriately morbid hue to the skies overhead.

"One morning, we found a bit of a swelling, a bit of heat, on his near-fore," Brookshaw said. "He was only doing light canters at the time, but we have had to let it settle down and will need more time before we can be confident about doing any work with him. He is doing an hour on the horse-walker every day, and we will assess the situation when Mr Clarke returns.

"In New Zealand terms, Lord Gyllene is only just nine and has another two or three years in front of him. It would be a shame to go and risk everything this year. We'd have to be certain that everything was right. If it's not, he shan't go."

Mrs Nola Taylor had better be kept informed. The horse's breeder is proposing to travel over from New Zealand to watch him at Aintree, but — an elderly lady — she refuses to fly. She is understood to be negotiating a passage aboard a freighter. One wonders, however, whether she is as likely to get here on foot as Lord Gyllene is to run in the National. The Tote agrees, and yesterday removed him from its betting, which is now headed — on 20-1 — by Seven Towers and Suny Bay.

The undemonstrative Brookshaw saddled Rolling Ball to win the Foxhunters' Chase over the National fences in 1996 — and is now enjoying the fruits of Lord Gyllene's success. "There was nothing for six weeks, but suddenly the phone was red-hot. We have now doubled the number of horses here to 41, less than half of them being Mr Clarke's."

Of their number, he seems most animated by the potential of another New Zealand import, Listen Timmy. "I was most impressed with him at Uttoxeter the other day, and we will take him back there for a novice chase on the 27th."

Suny Bay, meanwhile, begins his journey back to Liverpool at Haydock today, in a most interesting Edward Hanmer Chase — which also sees the reappearance of Go Ballistic.

Young Hustler, another beaten National favourite, returns to the fray in the Crowther Homes Becher Chase over the National fences on Saturday. He has been absent since finishing second to Into The Red last year, thanks to a joint problem. If National Hunt's uncertainties appeal to the gambling instincts of a card player, patience is emphatically the name of the game.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Destiny Calls
(2.50 Kempton Park)

Destiny Calls is well handicapped on his best form and should be primed to collect at Kempton this afternoon after a pleasing pipe-opener under top weight at Bangor 19 days ago.

Next best: Major Harris
(2.40 Haydock Park)

GAVIN FOGG

Brookshaw parades Lord Gyllene, who won last season's Grand National by 25 lengths, at a press conference held at his Preston Farm stable in Shropshire yesterday

Akehurst signs off with winner

REG AKEHURST, the Epsom trainer, brought the curtain down on a memorable 37-year career with a winner at Lingfield Park yesterday.

Akehurst, 68, saddled his last runner, Whispered Melody, to land the first division of the seven-furlong Ladbroke All-Weather Trophy. The filly, sent off at 5-1, got the better of a tight finish to win by a length and a half from Mustang, with Witchfinder half a length further away in third.

Fittingly, the winner was ridden by Richard Quinn, who partnered many big winners for Akehurst. Akehurst said: "It gave me particular pleasure that Richard rode my last winner. I've had super times with him and he's a very good jockey."

Akehurst, who sent out his first winner with Enamoured at Wye in 1963, is handing over the reins at Epsom to his son, John, and said: "I've got no regrets; you've got to retire some time."

The best horse Akehurst trained was probably Gold Rod, who won the Greenham Stakes at Newbury and the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, while others like Sarawat, Urgent Request, Astrac, Tregaron and Red Robbo landed valuable handicaps — and substantial betting coups — on the Flat.

Akehurst, known as the "handicap king", also handled some smart performers over jumps, such as Cool Ground and Bimsey.

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1.10 NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS POLICE MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE
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101	500-1	CLUB CARIBBEAN 70 (F) (S Marsh) P Hobbs 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	93
102	501-6	ARDROM 13 (D,F) (F Haggas) P R Webber 5-10-7	A P McCoy	66
103	06-	GLEVUM 214 (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-7	C Maude	85
104		HILL FARM BLUES 20F (D Newton) W M Brisbourne 4-10-7	D Bridgwater	–
105	0	I'M MAGGY 7 (S Clarke) S Brookshaw 7-10-7	S Wynne	–
106		KATHRYN'S PET 19F (B Brown) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-7	P Niven	–
107	6	MEADOW BLUE 14 (M Marklew) Miss L Siddall 4-10-7	R Supple	80
108	0-6	NEEDLE THREAD 9 (Gott Foods Ltd) G Richards 5-10-7	A Dobbin	–
109	20F0-0	ONE STOP 75 (M Brennan) M Barnes 4-10-7	S Taylor (5)	50
110	214-1	POTTER AGAIN 15 (G,S) (J Potter) D Nicholson 5-10-7	A Maguire	–
111	034/0-	SECOND FIDDLE 285 (O Brennan) O Brennan 7-10-7	M Brennan	–
112	14	SOTATTIE 9 (F) (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 4-10-7	R Guest	75
113		SUITAFELLA (M Wharton) M Barnes 5-10-7	R McGrath (3)	–
114	0-04	THE LADY SCORES 13 (A Lousada) K Bailey 5-10-7	S McNeill	87

BETTING: 9-4 Potter Again, 9-2 Kathryn's Pet, 6-1 Club Caribbean, 8-1 Glevum, 10-1 Ardrom, Needle Thread, Sotattie, 12-1 others.

1996: MARELLO 5-10-7 P Niven (2-1) Mrs M Reveley 11 ran

FORM FOCUS Club Caribbean beat Paulton ½l in 10-runner 2m 1½f novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (good to firm). Glevum 17l 6th of 20 to Decoupage in 2m National Hunt Flat race at Ayr (good) with Needle Thread (levels) 32l 18th. Meadow Blue 30l 6th of 15 to Foundry Lane in 2m novice hurdle here (good). One Stop 73l 9th of 11 to Country Orchid in 2m 1f novice hurdle at Sedgefield (good to firm). Potter Again beat Daisy 7l in 14-runner 2m 1½f National Hunt Flat race at Exeter (good to soft). Second Fiddle 56l 9th of 11 to Gods Squad in 2m novice hurdle at Wetherby (heavy). Sotattie beaten a distance 4th of 10 to Kings Measure in 2m 1f National Hunt Flat race at Carlisle (good) with Needle Thread (7lb worse off), beaten a distance, 6th. The Lady Scores 11l 4th of 10 to Di Mother in 2m mares' novice hurdle at Towcester (good to soft) with Ardrom (levels) 33l 6th

CLUB CARIBBEAN can make hurdling experience tell against Potter Again

1.40 LIVERPOOL HANDICAP HURDLE
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201	6030-41	MISS ROBERTO 7 (D,G,S) (M Lilwall & Pines) J O'Shea 4-12-2 (6ex)	T J Murphy	92
202	3034-23	MITHRAIC 14 (BF,D,F) (C P M Racing) W Cunningham 5-11-10	Mr S Durack (7)	85
203	0045-32	SAINT CIEL 14 (BF,CD,G,S) (Tam Racing) F Jordan 9-11-5	A Maguire	112
204	15F1PU	BONE SETTER 553 (D,F,S) (Lord Leverhulme) S Mellor 7-11-2	R Dunwoody	–
205	10205-2	DEVILRY 19 (D,G,S) (A McAlister & S Wilson) A Streeter 7-11-0	T Eley	114

BETTING: 11-8 Saint Ciel, 3-1 Mithraic, 7-2 Miss Roberto, 6-1 Devilry, 12-1 Bone Setter

1996: SAINT CIEL 8-11-6 R Supple (11-8 fav) F Jordan 7 ran

FORM FOCUS Miss Roberto beat Bold Statement ½l in 7-runner 2m handicap hurdle at Worcester (good). Mithraic 11l 3rd of 6 to Carlisle Bandito's in 2½m amateur riders' handicap hurdle here (good). Saint Ciel 3½l 2nd of 8 to Thrower in 2m handicap hurdle here (good); previously 28l 3rd of 8 to Thrower in 2m 1f handicap hurdle at Bangor (good) with Miss Roberto (3lb worse off) 29l 4th. Devilry 2½l 2nd of 8 to Sylvan Sabre in 2m 1f handicap hurdle at Bangor (good).

SAINT CIEL runs this course well and can hold Mithraic

2.10 EDWARD HANMER MEMORIAL LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE
(£27,152: 3m) (10 runners)

301	222F11-	UNGUIDED MISSILE 208 (CD,F,G,S) (D Harrison) G Richards 9-11-12	R Dunwoody	156
302	1/122F-	SEE MORE BUSINESS 270 (D,G,S) (J Keighley) P Nicholls 7-11-4	T J Murphy	150
303	S1/512-	SUNY BAY 226 (C,D,G,S) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 8-11-2	G Bradley	145
304	121F4P-	GO BALLISTIC 226 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Lockhart) J O'Shea 8-10-13	A Dobbin	151
305	111212-	EUDIPE 252 (B,C,G,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-11	A P McCoy	139
306	F2/140-	GENERAL WOLFE 226 (CD,G,S) (Winning Line Racing Ltd) T Forster 8-10-5	C Maude	145
307	52503-P	KADI 11 (G,S) (J Brown) D Nicholson 8-10-5	A Maguire	140
308	1P/25P/	EARTH SUMMIT 634 (B,CD,G,S) (Summit Plus Two) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-5	T Jenks	–
309	3F3U2-2	THE LAST FLING 11 (D,F,G,S) (M Jackson B'stock Ltd) Mrs S Smith 7-10-5	R Guest	161
310	4/1F23/	DO RIGHTLY 616 (S) (M Fitzpatrick) M Bradstock 8-10-5	P Niven	–

Long handicap: General Wolfe 10-4, Kadi 10-3, Earth Summit 10-3, The Last Fling 9-12, Do Rightly 8-6.

BETTING: 11-4 Eudipe, 7-2 Unguided Missile, 4-1 See More Business, 7-1 Suny Bay, 8-1 The Last Fling, 10-1 Go Ballistic, 12-1 General Wolfe, 14-1 others.

1996: UNGUIDED MISSILE 8-11-0 R Dunwoody (10-11 fav) G Richards 4 ran

FORM FOCUS Unguided Missile beat Rectory Garden 1¼l in 4-runner 3m handicap chase at Perth (good), previously beat Cab On Target 1¾l in 7-runner 3m 1f handicap chase at Aintree (good). See More Business fell in 3m handicap chase at Kempton (good to soft); previously 6l 2nd of 4 to Dorans Pride in 2m 5f novice chase at Leopardstown (good). Suny Bay 25l 2nd of 36 to Lord Gyllene in 4½m Grand National at Aintree (good) with General Wolfe (8lb better off) beaten a distance 16th and Go Ballistic (3lb better off) pulled up. Eudipe 2½l 2nd of 14 to Hanakham in 3m 1f grade one chase at Cheltenham (good to firm) with The Last Fling (16lb better off) unseated rider; previously beat Simply Dashing 2¼l in 5-runner 2½m novice chase here (good to soft). Earth Summit pulled up in 3m 4½f handicap chase here (soft); previously 46l 5th of 11 to Couldnt Be Better in 3m 2½f handicap chase at Newbury (heavy). The Last Fling 6l 2nd of 7 to Callisoe Bay in 2m 5f handicap chase at Uttoxeter (soft) with Kadi (5lb better off) pulled up. Do Rightly 36l 3rd of 12 to Nahthen Lad in 3m 1f grade one chase at Cheltenham (good to soft).

EUDIPE can take advantage of weight concession from Unguided Missile

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Timekeeper's speed rating.

2.40 HINDLEY GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,404: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

401	D110F-P	BELL STAFFBOY 32 (D,F,G,S) (K Bell & Son Ltd) J O'Shea 8-12-0	A P McCoy	96
402	022300/	NATIVE FIELD 601 (F,S) (R White) J FitzGerald 8-11-8	F Leahy (3)	–
403	61110-	NO MORE HASSLE 251 (C,G,S) (No Hassle Fims) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-3	P Niven	109
404	30214-2	MAJOR HARRIS 19 (D,F) (H Owen) M Hammond 5-10-13	R Garritty	134
405	F0-1121	CANTON VENTURE 21 (D,F,S) (Dr F Chao) S Woods 5-10-11	A Maguire	119
406	444/113	THROWER 8 (BF,C,S) (M Owen) S Brookshaw 6-10-10	C Maude	128

BETTING: 9-4 No More Hassle, 7-2 Canton Venture, 4-1 Major Harris, 5-1 Thrower, 6-1 Native Field, 10-1 Bell Staffboy.

1996: TULLYMURRY TOFF 5-11-5 E Callaghan (3-1) J Jefferson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS Bell Staffboy pulled up in handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good). Native Field 49l 13th to Top Spin in handicap hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, good). No More Hassle 18l 10th of 28 to Commanche Court in grade I hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good); previously beat Globe Runner 1¾l in 7-runner novice handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). Major Harris ½l 2nd of 5 to Chadwick's Ginger in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm); previously 25l 4th of 13 to Lagen Bridge in novice hurdle at Perth (3m 110yd, good). Canton Venture beat Run For Dante neck in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, good); previously ¾l last of 2 to King Of Sparta in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, good). Thrower 3l 3rd of 8 to Country Orchid in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f, good); previously beat Saint Ciel 3½l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good).

NO MORE HASSLE should relish conditions here and can make a winning return

3.10 WARGRAVE HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,486: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

501	11F34-6	CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 18 (F,G,S) (Khedive Ptnrs) G McCourt 9-11-13	D Bridgwater	–
502	1121-P2	PONGO WARING 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Peutherer) Miss H Knight 8-10-13	A Maguire	–
503	P4U-543	MASTER BOSTON 10 (CD,F,G,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 9-10-8	W Dwan	144
504	232412-	RUSTIC AIR 207 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Sturges) J FitzGerald 10-10-8	R Dunwoody	140
505	53-1282	WAYUPHILL 7 (CD,F,S) (Mr & Mrs R Green) C Parker 10-10-8	B Storey	134
506	00U0P-5	NICKLE JOE 14 (D,F,G,S) (M Tate) M Tate 11-10-0	T J Murphy	–

Long handicap: Nickle Joe 9-4.

BETTING: 9-4 Pongo Waring, 3-1 Rustic Air, 7-2 Wayuphill, 5-1 Captain Khedive, 11-2 Master Boston, 25-1 Nickle Joe

1996: THUMBS UP 10-12-0 R Dunwoody (13-8 fav) G McCourt 5 ran

FORM FOCUS Captain Khedive 41l last of 6 to Nahcawali in handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good); previously 36l last of 4 to Konvekta King in handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm). Pongo Waring 12l 2nd of 6 to Abavard in handicap chase at Exeter (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft); previously handicap chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good). Master Boston beaten a distance 3rd of 6 to Philip's Woody in handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm); previously beaten a distance last of 4 to One Man in grade II chase at Wetherby (3m 1f, good to firm). Rustic Air 4l 2nd of 10 to Highbeath in handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good), previously beat The Toaster 2½l in 5-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good to firm). Wayuphill neck 2nd of 4 to Coqui Lane in handicap chase at Kelso (2m 1f, good); previously 7½l 3rd of 9 to Toby in amateur novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm). Nickle Joe 36l 5th of 6 to Carlisle Bandito's in amateurs handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good); previously handicap hurdle at Stratford (3m 3f, good to firm).

PONGO WARING, a progressive novice last season, is well treated on his best form

3.40 EARLESTOWN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,801: 2m 7f 110yd) (8 runners)

601	15023/5	LANDED GENTRY 11 (S) (K Bell & Son Ltd) J O'Shea 8-12-0	A P McCoy	107
602	11112/4	HIT THE CANVAS 55 (F,G) (J Mitchell) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10	P Niven	72
603	143/30-	CAMPAIGN 16F (F) (Spectrum) M Hammond 6-11-7	R Garritty	75
604	3/P0P-1	HOODWINKER 12 (C,G) (P Howell) W Jenks 8-11-5	T Jenks	81
605	6-34F13	SIGMA WIRELESS 86 (BF,D,F,G) (Mrs J Todd) T Etherington 8-10-13	R Supple	–
606	52/02-1	INDICATOR 10 (D,G) (Lady Anne Bentinck) J J Quinn 5-10-12	A Maguire	84
607	28P0-F1	CHARLEY LAMBERT 16 (F) (R Mitchell) J Mackie 6-10-11	E Husband (3)	114
608	014021-	DOCKMASTER 198 (G,S) (J Gordon) Miss M Milligan 6-10-7	A Dobbin	–

BETTING: 3-1 Hit The Canvas, 7-2 Indicator, 9-2 Hoodwinker, 6-1 Charley Lambert, 7-1 Dockmaster, 8-1 Campaign, 10-1 Landed Gentry, 16-1 Sigma Wireless.

1996: HAILE DERRING 6-12-2 C Llewellyn (8-13 fav) N Twiston-Davies 4 ran

FORM FOCUS Landed Gentry 19l 5th of 7 to Potter's Gale in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good to soft), previously 16l 3rd of 24 to Royal Albert in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (2m 4f, soft). Hit The Canvas 44l last of 4 to Juban in handicap hurdle at Perth (3m 110yd, good to firm), previously 15l 2nd of 8 to Better Times Ahead in handicap hurdle at Ayr (3m 110yd, good). Campaign 48l 9th of 13 to Meditator in handicap hurdle at Ayr (3m 2f 110yd, good); previously 2l 3rd of 7 to Purevalue in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 7f, good to soft). Hoodwinker beat Saucy Nun short head in 14-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, good). Sigma Wireless beaten a distance 3rd of 7 to Fraser Carey in novice chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f 110yd, good); previously beat John Roger 19l in 7-runner novice chase at Worcester (2m 7f 110yd, good to firm). Indicator beat Torus Spa 26l in 4-runner novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m 7f, good), previously 1½l 2nd of 13 to Ruber in am nov handicap hurdle at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). Charley Lambert beat Pentland Squire 10l in 9-runner novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to firm); previously novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good). Dockmaster beat Solomon Springs 15l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Southwell (3m 110yd, soft); previously ¾l 2nd of 9 to Rascally in handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm).

CHARLEY LAMBERT will be hard to beat if staying this longer trip

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Forster	4	8	50.0	R Dunwoody	24	78	30.8
F Jordan	4	12	33.3	R Supple	4	16	25.0
J Fitzgerald	13	49	26.5	D Bridgwater	11	46	23.9
N Twiston-Davies	18	70	25.7	A Maguire	11	50	22.0
G Richards	26	104	25.0	C Maude	6	29	20.7
D Nicholson	12	49	24.5	G Bradley	5	29	17.2

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 2.10 Eudipe. HEREFORD: 3.00 Don't Tell Tom. KEMPTON PARK: 2.50 Big Matt

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Or Royal backed for Ascot feature

OR ROYAL, trained by Martin Pipe, was heavily backed yesterday to land another big prize for his all-conquering yard. The winner of last season's Arkle Chase at the Cheltenham Festival, Or Royal has been cut from 9-2 to 5-2 for Saturday's First National Bank Gold Cup at Ascot by both Ladbrokes and William Hill.

First National Bank Gold Cup betting: Ladbrokes: 9-4 Simply Dashing (from 7-4), 5-2 Or Royal (9-2), 5-1 Jeffell, 8-1 Fine Thyne (7-1), 9-1 Frazer Island (11-1), 10-1 others.

William Hill: 5-2 Or Royal (9-2), Simply Dashing (7-4), 6-1 Jeffell, 8-1 Fine Thyne, Frazer Island, 10-1 Redeemyourself (14-1), 12-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wetherby

Going: good (chase course), good to soft (hurdles)

1.10 (2m) 1, Caulker (S Taylor, 25-1); 2, The Butterwick Kid (11-2); 3, Revolt (5-1 jt-fav). Trojan Risk 5-1 jt-fav. 23 ran. Hd, 2½l. M Barnes. Tote: £91.50; £23.00, £2.80, £3.20. DF: £336.20. CSF: £156.92. Trio: £309.50.

1.40 (3m 1f ch) 1, Forest Ivory (A Maguire, 4-7 fav); 2, Maybe O'Grady (13-2); 3, Jervaulx (8-1). 6 ran. 17l, 1½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £3.86.

2.10 (2m hdle) 1, Lord Discord (R Thornton, 5-1); 2, Broctune Line (4-1); 3, Silent Valley (25-1). The Real McCoy 6-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Avro Avian. 1¾l, 3l. T Easterby. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £1.80, £3.80. DF: £13.10. Trio: £148.60. CSF: £23.28.

2.40 (2m ch) 1, Cumbrian Challenge (R Garritty, 9-2); 2, Certainly Strong (13-8 fav); 3, Native Mission (9-1). 5 ran. NR: Major Bell. Nk, ¾l. T Easterby. Tote: £4.80; £1.90, £1.20. DF: £7.70. CSF: £11.64.

3.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, Speaker Weatherill (M Brennan, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Lord Of The West (6-4 jt-fav); 3, Pims Gunner (3-1). 3 ran. 23l, 3l. O Brennan. Tote: £2.20. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.57.

3.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Brancher (R Burns, 6-1); 2, Six Clerks (7-2); 3, Amazing Sail (7-1). Scarba 9-4 fav. 6 ran. 9l, 1½l. J Turner. Tote: £8.90; £3.30, £2.40. DF: £13.30. CSF: £23.69.

Placepot: £162.50. Quadpot: £46.40.

Newton Abbot

Going: soft, heavy in places

1.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Champleve (A P McCoy, 1-4 fav); 2, Desert Power (40-1); 3, Milford Sound (5-1). 10 ran. NR: Dines Dist, 9l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.20; £1.30, £3.30, £1.20. DF: £15.50. Trio: £17.80. CSF: £19.55.

1.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Lake Kariba (T J Murphy, 5-2 fav); 2, Zabadi (7-2); 3, Mouse Bird (4-1). 6 ran. 12l, 3½l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £3.80. CSF: £10.08.

2.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Brightstone (A P McCoy, 5-6 fav); 2, Coeur Battant (9-1); 3, Haydown (14-1). 8 ran. 2l, 11l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70, £4.00. DF: £3.90. CSF: £9.44.

2.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Luke Warm (G Bradley, 9-2); 2, Ragamuff (12-1); 3, Hold Your Ranks (5-1). Friendly House 9-4 fav. 9 ran. 6l, 1½l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £3.30, £1.70. DF: £21.10. Trio: £71.30. CSF: £52.02. Tricast: £260.83.

3.00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Dom Samourai (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, Penncaler (3-1); 3, Bramblehill Buck (7-4 fav). 5 ran. 2l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £4.70; £2.20, £1.40. DF: £9.50. CSF: £14.59.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Deano's Beeno (A P McCoy, 8-11 fav); 2, Royale Angela (10-1); 3, Harbet House (11-2). 8 ran. 4l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £8.60. CSF: £8.60. Tricast: £25.36.

4.00 (2m 1f flat) 1, Muskhill (R Massey, 7-4); 2, Knock Leader (4-5 fav); 3, Beefy Nova (16-1). 15 ran. NR: Willet Wizard. 7l, 23l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £1.70. Trio: £7.90. CSF: £3.14.

Placepot: £47.80. Quadpot: £31.90.

Lingfield

Going: standard

12.20 (5f) 1, Dancing Mystery (S Carson, 8-1); 2, Opening Range (5-1); 3, Nobalino (5-1). Anokato 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. E Wheeler. Tote: £22.30; £8.50, £4.30, £1.90. DF: £74.90. Trio: £46.90. CSF: £44.74. Tricast: £209.23.

12.50 (5f) 1, Palacegate Jack (C Lowther, 2-1 fav); 2, Mister Raider (7-1); 3, Tear White (8-1). 10 ran. Hd, 1l. J Berry. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £5.80, £4.60. DF: £21.20. Trio: £51.50. CSF: £17.14. Tricast: £95.52.

1.20 (7f) 1, Slim Prior (D Sweeney, 10-1); 2, Mystagogue (5-2 fav); 3, Muja's Magic (8-1). 13 ran. Nk, 4l. K Burke. Tote: £14.30; £6.10, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £36.60. Trio: £60.00. CSF: £34.26.

1.50 (1m) 1, Lift The Offer (Dane O'Neill, 12-1); 2, Bawsian (4-1). 3t, Night Vigil (11-10 fav); 3t, Miss Skye (16-1). 9 ran. 4l, 6l. R Hannon. Tote: £13.10; £1.90, £1.80, Night Vigil £0.50, Miss Skye £2.90. DF: £18.80. Trio: (with Night Vigil) £13.30, (with Miss Skye) £76.80. CSF: £53.83. Tricast: (with Night Vigil) £43.90; (with Miss Skye) £354.34.

2.20 (1m 2f) 1, Massyar Seventeen (J Quinn, 5-1); 2, Bedouin Honda (15-8); 3, Inkwell (12-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 10l. H Collingridge. Tote: £9.30; £2.30, £2.50, £3.90. DF: £6.70. Trio: £76.40. CSF: £13.52.

2.50 (1m 4f) 1, Royal Roulette (A Clark, 9-1); 2, Another Monk (20-1); 3, Stalejack (6-1); 4, Areish (33-1). Castles Burning 9-2 fav. 17 ran. Sh hd, 1¾l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £14.40; £2.70, £8.50, £2.00, £13.30. DF: £1,614.40. CSF: £180.76. Tricast: £1,105.84. Trio: £857.40.

3.20 (7f) 1, Whispered Melody (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Mustang (9-1); 3, Witchfinder (3-1 fav). 9 ran. ½l, 1½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £5.50; £1.50, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £16.40. Trio: £71.90. CSF: £47.92. Tricast: £147.86.

3.50 (7f) 1, Churchill's Shadow (Martin Dwyer, 15-2); 2, Aegean Sound (25-1); 3, Barbason (11-4 fav). 9 ran. Sh hd, ¾l. B Pearce. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £3.30, £1.50. DF: £36.30. CSF: £156.73. Tricast: £595.80.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,427.15 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Placepot: £68.20. Quadpot: £25.10.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.20 Alka International. 1.50 Kadastrof. 2.20 Run For Cover. 2.50 Big Matt. 3.20 Fair Society. 3.50 Grooving.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

1.20 ROSEMARY GILLARD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,898: 2m) (8 runners)

1	43-P	CLIFTON GAME 15 B Millman 7-12-0	D Salter	–
2	22-0	SADLER'S REALM 32 (BF) P Hobbs 4-11-11	E Callaghan	58
3	2P-3	ALKA INTERNATIONAL 14 Mrs P Townsley 5-11-6	J Goldstein (3)	79
4	0-32	HOLKHAM BAY 13 (B) L Wordingham 5-10-11	R Thornton	84
5	082-	FLOW BACK 189 G Enright 5-10-10	L Aspell	75
6	P-31	MEMORY'S MUSIC 9 (S) M Madgwick 5-10-9 (6ex)	P Henley	79
7	0/06	DIGPAST 14 J Bridger 7-10-7	M Batchelor (3)	79
8	00U6	INCHYDONEY BOY 13 Z C Davison 8-10-0	C McCormack (3)	83

5-2 Sadler's Realm, 9-2 Holkham Bay, 5-1 Memory's Music, 11-2 Clifton Game, 6-1 Alka International, Flow Back, 16-1 Digpast, 20-1 Inchydoney Boy.

1.50 STAINES NOVICES CHASE
(£3,485: 2m) (6)

1	0/	FLORLESS GUY 1334 R Rowe 9-11-0	D O'Sullivan	–
2	P-P2	HIGHLAND FLAME 26 A Blackmore 8-11-0	P Henley (3)	79
3	04-2	KADASTROF 13 (BF,D,G,S) R Dickin 7-11-0	N Williamson	127
4	060-	KINGSFOLD PET 256 (D,G,S) M Haynes 8-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	–
5	F-33	NORDANSK 13 (D,F,S) M Madgwick 8-11-0	G Upton	120
6	011-	STRONG PALADIN 246 (F,S) J Gifford 6-11-0	P Hide	–

7-4 Kadastrof, 5-2 Strong Paladin, 9-2 Nordansk, 6-1 Kingsfold Pet, 8-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Alner, 9 winners from 35 runners, 25.7%. M Pipe, 13 from 62, 21.0%. K Bailey, 11 from 55, 20.0%. N Gaselee, 4 from 22, 18.2%. T Casey, 4 from 25, 16.0%. C Brooks, 5 from 35, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 14 winners from 71 rides, 19.7%. P Henley, 3 from 16, 18.8%. M Fitzgerald, 19 from 105, 18.1%. A Thornton, 3 from 17, 17.6%. P Hide, 7 from 55, 12.7%. Only qualifiers.

2.20 E B F NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,801. 2m) (7)

1	00-1	MIDAS 8 (D,F,G) M Pipe 6-11-5	G Supple (5)	110
2	0-	CATHERINE'S WAY 264 A Turnell 5-11-0	L Harvey	–
3	222-	CLINTON 264 K Bailey 6-11-0	N Williamson	107
4	56-	MONTROE 231 R Rowe 5-11-0	D O'Sullivan	–
5	1-	MOUNTAIN STORM 307 (D,F) N Henderson 5-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	–
6	10-	TOP NOTE 252 (S) J Gifford 5-11-0	P Hide	–
7	5-06	RUN FOR COVER 11 Mrs P Dutfield 5-10-9	P Holley	111

9-4 Midas, 11-4 Clinton, 3-1 Mountain Storm, 7-2 Top Note, 12-1 Montroe, 14-1 Catherine's Way, Run For Cover

2.50 LIMBER HILL LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,761: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	2-31	SUPER TACTICS 8 (CD,F,G,S) R Alner 9-11-12 (5ex)	A Thornton	139
2	20-4	BIG MATT 18 (B,CD,F,S) N Henderson 9-11-7	M Fitzgerald	153
3	11P-	GIVENTIME 233 (S) A Turnell 9-10-10	L Harvey	148
4	24-4	DESTINY CALLS 19 (D,F,G) N Gaselee 7-10-7	N Williamson	154
5	1-3F	ART PRINCE 10 (BF,F,G,S) C Brooks 7-10-7	D Gallagher	134

7-4 Big Matt, 5-2 Super Tactics, 4-1 Destiny Calls, 11-2 Art Prince, 8-1 Giventime.

3.20 GIGASPEED NOVICES CHASE (£3,371: 3m) (6)

1	3-1F	MENESONIC 14 (BF,D,G,S) R Alner 7-11-6	A Thornton	101
2	0624	FAIR SOCIETY 18 (D,F,G,S) P Butler 6-11-1	R Farrant	103
3	1/4-	ACT OF FAITH 355 (D,S) N Gaselee 7-11-0	N Williamson	–
4		STREET TRADER T Casey 7-11-0	D O'Sullivan	–
5	00/	TRIPLE TREAT 1330 T Casey 8-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	–
6	11-5	WAYWARD KING 5 (D,G,S) R Hodges 5-10-12	P Holley	–

6-5 Menesonic, 5-2 Act Of Faith, Fair Society, 13-2 Wayward King, 16-1 others.

3.50 HANWORTH HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,485: 2m 5f) (8)

1	052-	FIRED EARTH 232 (CD,F,G,S) J Fanshawe 9-12-0	R Thornton (3)	117
2	33-2	INFLUENCE PEDLER 14 (G) J Old 4-11-7	N Williamson	123
3	F12-	GROOVING 198 (BF,F,G,S) J Gifford 8-11-5	P Hide	116
4	11F-	FRIENDSHIP 218 (BF,G) N Henderson 5-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	118
5	31-F	ROYAL PIPER 14 (F,S) A J Wilson 10-10-10	L Harvey	110
6	1P-4	TUKANO 32 (F) J Jenkins 6-10-3	M Ahern	119
7	4213	SQUIRE'S OCCASION 15 (F) R Curtis 4-10-0	G Supple (5)	127
8	35-4	SMUGGLER'S POINT 14 (F,G) J Bridger 7-10-0	L Aspell (3)	115

9-4 Influence Pedler, 4-1 Friendship, Fired Earth, Royal Piper, 7-1 others.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

1.00 Fletcher. 1.30 Jason's Boy. 2.00 Gutteridge. 2.30 Bold Acre. 3.00 Marsayas. 3.30 Mystic Isle. 4.00 Daisy.

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1.00 MARDEN JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £2,304: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1	2231	PRAIRIE MINSTREL 4 (F) R Dickin 11-5	X Aizpuru (5)
2		CHEROKEE FLIGHT 71F S Mellor 10-12	C Webb (5)
3		DIE FLEDERMAUS Miss H Knight 10-12	J F Titley
4		FLETCHER 32F H Morrison 10-12	W Marston
5	0	KINGSDOWN TRIX 8 R Smith 10-12	G Hogan (3)
6	5	KRABLOONIK 32 W G M Turner 10-12	J Power (7)
7	P	TRIENTA MIL 22 P Dalton 10-12	J Supple
8		UPGRADE N Twiston-Davies 10-12	C Llewellyn
9		AUNT DAPHNE 141F Mrs L Richards 10-7	J A McCarthy
10		BELLE DANCER 351F T Wall 10-7	Gary Lyons
11		RUSH OF BLOOD 79F M Sheppard 10-7	B Powell
12		VENT D'AOUT 41F M Pipe 10-7	R Johnson

2-1 Prairie Minstrel, 5-2 Vent D'Aout, 7-2 Upgrade, 8-1 Die Fledermaus, 12-1 Krabloonik, 16-1 Cherokee Flight, 25-1 Aunt Daphne, 33-1 others.

1.30 BACTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,892: 2m 3f) (8)

1	61-5	ODELL 33 (BF,F) K Bailey 7-12-7	R Wakley (5)
2	2-55	BIT OF A TOUCH 29 (F,G,S) R Frost 11-12-3	N Dalrymple (7)
3	/00-	SENSE OF VALUE 286 (F,S) J Smith 8-12-0	D McPhail (7)
4	43P-	JASON'S BOY 233 (F,G,S) J Bradley 7-11-13	A Wintle (7)
5	3060	NORTHERN OPTIMIST 12 (D,F,G) B Llewellyn 9-11-3	J L Llewellyn (5)
6	33-5	SEAHAWK RETRIEVER 29 (F) P Nicholls 8-10-13	J Tizzard (5)
7	-034	RYTON RUN 6 (F,G) Mrs S Odell 12-10-10	G Elliott (5)
8	P3F4	CATWALKER 84 R Lee 6-10-7	E Byrne (7)

5-2 Odell, 4-1 Bit Of A Touch, 9-2 Seahawk Retriever, 6-1 Northern Optimist, 7-1 Jason's Boy, 8-1 Catwalker, 12-1 Ryton Run, 16-1 Sense Of Value.

2.00 BRIDSTOW SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,982: 2m 1f) (12)

1	240-	LANCER 413 (D,F) R Juckes 5-11-10	Gary Lyons
2	/4-6	ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 8 (F,G) T Wall 9-11-7	W Walsh (7)
3	464-	COMEONUP 334 J Bradley 6-11-6	R Johnson
4	F-P3	GUTTERIDGE 8 P Evans 7-11-1	G Tormey
5	5420	THOMAS CROWN 12 M R Bosley 5-11-0	W McFarland
6	-025	DAYS OF THUNDER 16 (D,F,G) Mrs S Odell 9-11-0	Mr O McPhail (7)
7	1303	GALLOPING GUNS 8 (D,F) B Llewellyn 5-11-0	X Aizpuru (5)
8	0B0-	RED PHANTOM 60F S Mellor 5-10-13	C Webb (5)
9	3P-5	KHAZARI 143 (D,F,G,S) R Brotherton 5-10-8	S Curran
10	0-55	SOUTH WEST EXPRESS 120 D Wintle 5-10-4	W Marston
11	0PP-	MILLY LE MOSS 265 R Eckley 8-10-0	L Cummins (5)
12	P-06	FLASH CHICK 145 T Morton 8-10-0	C Llewellyn

5-2 Galloping Guns, 11-2 Days Of Thunder, 6-1 Gutteridge, 7-1 Aldington Chapple, 8-1 Thomas Crown, Khazari, 12-1 Comeonup, South West Express, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 37 winners from 112 runners, 33.0%. D Nicholson, 10 from 34, 29.4%. N Twiston-Davies, 28 from 98, 28.6%. A Turnell, 3 from 11, 27.3%. P Webber, 3 from 11, 27.3%. S Griffiths, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: Mr R Wakley, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%. C Llewellyn, 21 from 79, 26.6%. J Kavanagh, 10 from 60, 16.7%. S Curran, 4 from 29, 13.8%. W McFarland, 4 from 30, 13.3%. G Hogan, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

2.30 PADDY MORRISSEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,866: 2m) (15)

1	2435	VERDE LUNA 10 (F) R Smith 5-12-0	X Aizpuru (5)
2	0164	SCARLET RAMBLER 15 (F) Miss H Knight 8-11-10	J F Titley
3	FP6-	BOLD ACRE 266 (S) J Bradley 7-11-9	R Johnson
4	3-33	SHERWOOD BOY 16 (D,F,G) K Bailey 8-11-6	Mr R Wakley (5)
5	4U-1	HIGH MOOD 10 (D,G) T George 7-11-4	D J Kavanagh (5)
6	2-PF	KUMARI KING 126 A Carroll 7-11-3	D Morris
7	F5-5	ASTRAL INVASION 25 (B,D,F) T Wall 6-10-12	Gary Lyons
8	04/U	WHISPERING COURT 7 A Turnell 7-10-10	C Rae (7)
9	2-34	COOL WEATHER 21 C Popham 9-10-10	Mr O McPhail (7)
10	44-R	ONEOFUS 10 (F) Mrs L Richards 8-10-8	J A McCarthy
11	P0-P	PLAY GAMES 67 (G) R Lee 9-10-5	G Hogan (3)
12	35P-	WORTHY MEMORIES 212 Mrs M Jones 8-10-5	D Byrne
13	-530	POOH STICK 14 R Frost 7-10-3	B Powell
14	2/P-	COOL SPOT 249 G Enright 9-10-0	R Bellamy
15	/0P0	DOSSES DAN 39 B Preece 5-10-0	J Mogford (7)

3-1 Sherwood Boy, 4-1 High Mood, 7-1 Bold Acre, Scarlet Rambler, 9-1 others

3.00 BISHOPS FROME NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,374: 2m 3f 110yd) (11)

1	-142	BAY FAIR 18 (G) M R Bosley 5-11-10	G Hogan (3)
2	-PP1	RACING HAWK 12 (G) P Bowen 5-11-7	R Johnson
3	-026	DON'T TELL TOM 12 (B,BF) H Haynes 7-11-6	J F Titley
4	1P50	MARSAYAS 30 (F,S) F Jordan 4-11-2	D Byrne
5	02-3	WELSH SILK 10 (BF) D Gandolfo 5-11-0	C Llewellyn
6	004-	SHANNON LAD 224 A Carroll 7-10-8	D Morris
7	/00-	FRED FUGGLES 266 C Jackson 5-10-1	B Powell
8	/0P-	KENNETT SQUARE 259 E Mays-Smith 8-10-0	J A McCarthy
9	/0P-	ANALOGUE 334 R Eckley 5-10-0	V Slattery
10	0-P0	SOPHIES DREAM 12 J Bradley 6-10-0	Guy Lewis (3)
11	R06-	LADY ROSEBURY 175 R J Price 7-10-0	X Aizpuru (5)

2-1 Welsh Silk, 5-2 Bay Fair, 7-2 Don't Tell Tom, 6-1 Racing Hawk, 10-1 Marsayas, 12-1 Shannon Lad, 25-1 Fred Fuggles, 33-1 others

3.30 BOGMARSH NOVICES CHASE
(£3,074: 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

1	3-1F	IDEAL PARTNER 19 (B,BF,F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-11-5	R Johnson
2	P1-1	LOVABLE OUTLAW 11 (G,S) Miss M Rowland 6-11-5	P Midgley (5)
3	3U31	GOWER-SLAVE 15 (F,G) P Bowen 5-11-3	W Marston
4	-UP3	BENBULBIN 14 J Mullins 7-10-12	J F Titley
5	0P-P	JEMARO 12 W Jenks 6-10-12	Gary Lyons
6	022-	MYSTIC ISLE 242 (S) N Gaselee 7-10-12	J R Kavanagh
7	225-	SCOTBY 231 (S) R Buckler 7-10-12	B Powell
8	0-54	HAND WOVEN 8 (F) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10	C Llewellyn
9	0	GABLES GIRL 52 A Foster 6-10-7	B Clifford

9-4 Mystic Isle, 7-2 Scotby, 9-2 Hand Woven, 5-1 Ideal Partner, 6-1 Gower-Slave, 8-1 Lovable Outlaw, 33-1 Benbulbin, Gables Girl, 50-1 Jemaro

4.00 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW MARES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT
(£1,256: 2m 1f) (17)

1	12	LATIN MISTRESS 34 (F) P Nicholls 5-11-7	L Cummins (5)
2	0	CELTIC LAND 15 R Frost 4-11-0	Mr A Holdsworth
3		COOL SPRING T Forster 5-11-0	Mr J Tizzard (5)
4	2	DAISY 15 Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	G Hogan (3)
5	6	LA BRIGANTINE 15 R Buckler 4-11-0	D J Kavanagh (5)
6	5/4-	LANDA'S COUNSEL 352 D Gandolfo 6-11-0	Sophie Mitchell (5)
7	0	LITTLE HULTON 15 Miss H Knight 4-11-0	Mr S Morris (7)
8		LITTLE RED SPIDER P R Webber 4-11-0	Mr P Scott
9	P-	PICK-N-CRUISE 248P R J Price 5-11-0	Mr O McPhail (7)
10		QUEEN'S CHARTER N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0	L Suthern (7)
11	5-	RUBY ROSA 193 T Forster 5-11-0	J Mogford (7)
12		SANDANTE R Buckler 6-11-0	Mr K R O'Ryan (7)
13		SPARKLING DOVE C J Price 4-11-0	O Burrows (5)
14		THE CAPTAIN'S LADY D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Massey (3)
15		THREADS C Morlock 4-11-0	M Handley (7)
16		TROJAN LOVE S Griffiths 4-11-0	Mr R Wakley (5)
17	420-	WHERE'S MIRANDA 288 G McCourt 5-11-0	X Aizpuru (5)

5-2 The Captain's Lady, 3-1 Queen's Charter, 7-2 Daisy, 7-1 Latin Mistress, 8-1 Ruby Rosa, 20-1 Cool Spring, La Brigantine, Little Red Spider, 25-1 others

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Rangers pursue joy of six

Kevin McCarra previews the second Old Firm encounter of the season

Gough: enjoying second spell at Rangers

Celtic may be a club of *great traditions*, but this evening they will be determined to avoid making history. If Celtic are beaten at home by Rangers, they will have lost six consecutive Old Firm matches in the league for the first time in their existence. Extreme measures may be taken in the attempt to pull up short of that dreaded milestone.

Darren Jackson has not played since undergoing brain surgery at the beginning of September, but there is a temptation to field him tonight, when his experience and strength may add vitality to the attack. In any case, Wim Jansen, the Celtic head coach, must be casting around for a replacement for Simon Donnelly, the young forward who has lost form.

Rangers have their conundrums to resolve, too, particularly since Laudrup is liable to be unavailable, having tweaked his hamstring on Saturday. His club is adept at presenting an impression of calm. "If Laudrup isn't there," Richard Gough, the captain, said, "then we will have to play the best Scotland player of the moment, Gordon Durie."

Some will detect a kernel of arrogance in that serenity, but Gough is simply exuding the confidence of a man who has relished a long ascendancy over Rangers' rivals. He returned to Ibrox last month, after a spell with Kansas City Wizards, and has seemed to be sauntering profitably through his matches since. The central defender scored the only goal of the game against Celtic 11 days ago.

His celebrations on that occasion saw *him* raise both hands and some observers thought that he was indicating a desire to win a tenth successive Bell's Scottish League premier division title this season. Gough scoffs at that notion and claims that the gesture is a mime for "lifting the roof off" and derives from sport in the United States.

"I told Ally McCoist and Paul Gascoigne about it," he said, "because I never thought I would be doing it." Life is exceeding his expectations at present. Even Gough, 35, *admits that Rangers* would not have troubled to re-sign him if Alan McLaren and Lorenzo Amoruso had been fit. "I have nothing to prove to anyone else," he said, "but I have proved to myself that I have a touch of hunger left in me."

Gough professes to find a pleasant mystery in the sustained *domination of Celtic*, since the Old Firm fixture is ritually claimed to be unpredictable. He has also had a recent opportunity to gauge the *narrow margins that can* separate the sides. "In the last game," Gough said, "we played as well as we have against Celtic in a long time, but we still only won 1-0 and they could have gone ahead."

Celtic, *on the other hand*, remember only the impoverished nature of their performance that afternoon. Their hopes of now atoning for it, and of recording the victory that would see them draw level with Rangers on points in the premier division, are hampered by the absence of Blinker, who was sent off on *Saturday. The side has also* lacked creativity in losing its previous two games, to Rangers and Motherwell.

Supporters have grown ever more irascible over the club's failure to sign a proven goalscorer. A *deal* may be in place to buy Harald Brattbak, from Rosenborg, but the Norwegian club seems determined not to sell him until its European Cup Champions' League programme ends on December 10. Even if Brattbak agreed to move to Celtic, there would be a further delay while a work permit was sought.

Jansen cannot, for the moment, add to his squad, yet he will still be expected to find a way of changing Celtic's fortunes this evening.

CELTIC (probable: 4-4-2): J Gould — T Boyd, M Rieper, A Stubbs, S Mahe — J McNamara, P Lambert, C Burley, M Wieghorst — D Jackson, H Larsson. RANGERS (probable: 3-5-2): A Goram — S Porrini, R Gough, J Bjorklund — S McCall, P Gascoigne, J Thern, R Gattuso, A Cleland — M Negri, G Durie

RUGBY UNION

Wales get ten days to prepare for All Blacks

THE leading clubs in Wales have agreed to an early release of their international players for the match against New Zealand at Wembley on Saturday week. Kevin Bowring, the *coach, will have* ten days' uninterrupted build-up after the clubs complied with his wishes.

"The national team management accepted the need for the players to prepare properly for the Heineken Cup campaign with their clubs," a spokesman for the Welsh Rugby Union said.

"It was *recognised* how important that was to their prospects and we welcome the fact that the clubs have seen fit to return the favour with the New Zealand game approaching."

Eddie Jones, the Pontypridd manager, confirmed the spirit of co-operation. "We are all behind the union's playing directorate and the *national* team," he said. "If Wales don't achieve a degree of respectability against New Zealand, then we are all in trouble."

After receiving unanimous backing from his players' employers, Bowring can now concentrate fully on the most daunting challenge that he has faced since he was appointed as coach of Wales two years ago.

He will announce a squad tomorrow morning and is expected to include Allan Bateman and David Young, the British Isles pair who missed the 46-12 victory over Tonga last Sunday through injury.

However, Steve Moore, the second-row forward, has been ruled out because of a knee injury that forced him to leave the field against Tonga. A scan has revealed ligament damage and the Moseley lock will be out of action for at least six weeks.

Andy Moore, his brother, began his comeback from *injury with 20 minutes on the* field for Swansea against Cardiff in the Welsh Rugby Union Challenge Trophy game last Saturday. The former Wales second-row forward has had a knee reconstruction and has been *on the sidelines* since 1995.

Australia's tour pride may prevail

By Our Sports Staff

RICHIE DIXON, the Scotland coach, insisted yesterday that Australia will provide his new-look side with a stern *challenge on Saturday*, despite their unconvincing recent form under Rod Macqueen, their new coach.

After losing in Argentina and only managing a draw against England at Twickenham last Saturday, the Australians are under pressure to finish their tour on a high note at Murrayfield.

As Scotland have named an attack-minded line-up, including James Craig, the promising new wing, some pundits are optimistic about their chances of earning a surprise victory against the winners of the *World Cup in* 1991.

However, Dixon maintained that Scotland's task remains a daunting one and he warned of a possible backlash on Saturday. "Australia have a proud record in this country and, make no mistake, they will be very strong opponents for us," the Scotland coach said.

"I watched their *game* with England and both sides would be disappointed that the play did not develop as they would *have liked. But,* with any new coach, it takes time to come up with ultimate conclusions on the way you want to play and *Rod* is still developing the style he wants.

"If it develops in the same way as with Australian Capital Territories team, then the world can expect some very exciting football from Australia *in next couple of years.*"

Dixon confirmed that he had no qualms about selecting Duncan Hodge to replace the injured Rowen Shepherd at full back, despite the lack of senior experience of the player in the role.

The Watsonians and Edinburgh player will also assume the goal-kicking responsibilities in only his second international, the other being an appearance as substitute *against France last year.*

"Duncan has been involved in our national squad sessions at full back. We picked the side with a particular way of playing in mind and rather than interfere with the backline set-up, *we decided on* a straight one-to-one swap."

FOOTBALL

Milosevic on the mat over talk of transfer

By Richard Hobson

SAVO MILOSEVIC will tread a familiar path into the manager's office at Aston Villa today when he is called to explain his latest public outburst against the club. If he is trying to manoeuvre a transfer *with his persistent criticism*, he will be told by Brian Little that his responsibility will remain at Villa Park.

Little has denied that Napoli have submitted an offer of £4.5 million for Milosevic, even though the striker was reported in a Yugoslav newspaper as saying that he knew of interest from the Italian club. Milosevic also said that he had wanted to leave Villa "for a long time" and was unhappy in Birmingham.

Three weeks earlier, when Milosevic last returned to his national squad for the first leg of *the World Cup qualifying* game against Hungary, he was quoted in a Belgrade magazine as being critical of Stan Collymore, his Villa colleague. Little said that he had accepted an explanation that *Milosevic had been misquoted* on that occasion: this time, his response may be more forthright.

"Savo has always hankered after Italy, but he knows that his duty is to play for Aston Villa and he should be concentrating on that," Little said. A year ago, Milosevic travelled to Italy to sign for Perugia *when Villa accepted a £4.5* million offer, only to pull out as negotiations dragged on.

His form for Villa has rarely been better than moderate after joining them from Partizan Belgrade for £3.5 million in 1995, but he enjoys a handsome reputation abroad. He scored ten goals in the World Cup qualifying campaign, helping Yugoslavia to the finals.

With Benfica in Portugal and Borussia Dortmund, the European Cup winners from Germany, reportedly monitoring the situation, Villa would make a profit if they decided to sell. They have an option to extend Milosevic's contract by a year *when it expires at the* end of the season.

The disenchantment of one man in a dressing-room can spread quickly. Sasa Curcic, Gareth Southgate and Dwight Yorke have, to varying degrees, *been critical of aspects* of the club of late. Whether it would be prudent to offload Milosevic, 24, while Villa are still in the Uefa Cup and trying to recover ground in the FA Carling Premiership is another matter, particularly as Collymore, who saw a specialist yesterday, is still in light training after an operation on his sinuses a month ago. "There is no logic in selling anybody at the moment," Little said.

Premiership clubs, which are anxious to maintain their share of income from BSkyB, *the television company, have* given the Football League 12 months' notice that they want to change the relegation and promotion system and their participation in the Coca-Cola Cup. They want two-up and two-down instead of three and for clubs to be allowed to opt out of the Coca-Cola Cup.

The Football League insisted yesterday that the original agreement drawn up between itself, the FA Premier League and the Football Association was still binding, although it was prepared to hear the new demands.

"The Premier League has given a year's notice that it wants to re-negotiate a new agreement," Dennis Signy, a spokesman for the League, said. "The Football League reply to that was that it was not possible and that is where we stand at this stage.

"We have said without prejudice: *'Tell us* what you want so we can see if there is any negotiation or bartering to do.' But there is no end to the original agreement."

Premiership clubs are particularly concerned about the relegation issue because of the drastic drop in revenue that it can bring.

JAMES NIVEN/VSO

Manning his post: a young goalkeeper watches the action from afar during a match in the Zambian border village of Livingstone

Livingstone explores new horizons

Inigo Gilmore meets a British sporting missionary who is bringing organised sport to an African village

WHEN Andrew Fairbairn arrived in the dilapidated *Zambian border town of Livingstone*, the sports-mad locals thought Christmas had come early. In a town where most people play sport in bare feet, the prospect that this "muzungu" [white man] would turn up with footballs, boots and tracksuits had raised expectations in the community to fever pitch.

When he arrived with little more than the shirt on his back and it dawned on them that Fairbairn was not, in fact, a bearer of gifts, there were murmurings of disappointment. However, six months *on, they recognise that he has* brought something much more valuable.

"It was not easy to start with because they just wanted material things," Fairbairn, who used to work at the gym at the House of Commons, said. "Even after I told them about my plans, they would say things like: 'Well, that's fine, *but could* you just give us a ball.' They still want the balls, but the attitude is different now."

In Livingstone, Fairbairn, 23, a volunteer with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), has been running training programmes for PE teachers and local coaches covering everything from leadership and organisational skills to fund raising and using sports facilities. In a short time, his programme has begun to transform the face of sport in the area in ways that were previously unimaginable.

It has been a slow process and one that has required patience and flexibility. "To begin with, it was frustrating because people would turn up late for the seminars and then *go around greeting everyone* in the room before finally sitting down," Andrew said. "I had to learn to accept that this was the way things worked around here and fit my values into theirs. The pace is different."

More than a hundred years after David Livingstone, the British explorer, clapped eyes on the nearby *Victoria Falls*, the town named after him is like a gaping mouth without teeth. Fairbairn quickly discovered that travelling anywhere by road is an adventure and working phones are scarce. In the week of my visit, a couple of policemen turned up at our hotel to beg for petrol money so that they could chase after thieves who had robbed the local bank.

The impoverished local population might be short on resources and punctuality, but Fairbairn has discovered that the community possesses unlimited enthusiasm. The locals were quick to accept him as one of their own — a point that was obvious during a visit to an adult education college.

In scene alive with noise, *colour and dedication*, Fairbairn presided over a tournament involving football, basketball, volleyball and netball teams of varying ages and shared a few lighthearted moments with the local people. Under his watchful gaze, a group of coaches shepherded teams on and off the pitches and shouted encouragement to the players. One of them explained that the scenario was novel for them.

Fairbairn: fulfilled

"Before, it was pretty chaotic because we would just see *who turned up and start* without a warm-up," David Kalambo said. "But now we use sketch boards to plan everything so that we do not waste our time and energy. This programme has opened our minds and given us a new, enthusiastic outlook."

"The fact that the sports are properly organised and planned has *really* motivated us," Maria Chitsulo, 21, a student who plays football, netball and volleyball, said. "We used to turn up to play a game and sometimes after waiting all day return to our rooms without kicking a ball because our opponents did not show up.

"Now we are seeing our performance improve because we *can* direct our energies knowing we will play and play at the arranged time."

Since its introduction in 1994, the VSO's sports development programme has expanded from a handful of coaches to about 30 volunteers working around the world. Sports initiatives such as the one Fairbairn has undertaken are accepted as a powerful force in development.

Of the three locations in Zambia offered to Fairbairn, he chose Livingstone because no sports initiatives had previously been attempted there. As well *as the frustrations* of having to travel huge distances on his motorcycle, he has had to endure energy-sapping stomach problems and take pills daily to avoid contracting malaria.

Fairbairn is eagerly awaiting his return to Britain next year because, as well as the personal satisfaction he has gained, he believes that *his* spell in Livingstone will have been a good career move. "Some poeple are reluctant to join a VSO project because they think it will hinder their career, but I think, if anything, it makes you more marketable and I would recommend it to anyone."

New Scottish league likely

PLANS by the ten Bell's Scottish League premier division clubs to establish a new Scottish Premiership by August were backed at two special general meetings of the Scottish League at Hampden Park yesterday.

Votes ranged from 49-29 to 46-32, which means that two or *three first division* clubs lent their support to the top-flight teams. The breakaway clubs plan to increase membership of the new Premiership to 12 in its second year. The matter will go before the league management committee on Thursday for approval.

Lex Gold, the Hibernian chairman and spokesman for the ten premier division clubs, said: "Today's decision by Scotland's clubs to vote overwhelmingly in favour of our *plans represents a major step* forward for the game in this country.

"It is clear from today's result *that Scottish football* can see the benefits of our proposals, which have been developed with the game's best and long-term interest in mind.

"We now expect Thursday's meeting of the league management committee to ratify today's result. We are keen that everyone in the game contributes constructively to the blueprint for Scottish football's bright new future. The hard work starts now."

Manchester United aim to make shares in the club available to more people in a proposal to go before the *annual meeting at Old* Trafford today. Shareholders will be asked to approve a proposal to issue three shares for every one held as the club increases its share capital by 337.5 per cent to £35 million, creating 270 million new shares.

Redknapp wants end to bad habit

By Our Sports Staff

HARRY REDKNAPP, the West Ham United manager, has warned his players that they must bring to an end the club's unenviable record of being knocked out of cup *competitions by sides* from lower divisions.

Last season, West Ham lost to Wrexham in the third round *of the FA Cup and to Stockport* County in the fourth round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

Although Redknapp's first team this season is almost unrecognisable from the line-up a year ago, he has told his new recruits that they *must* raise their game for the Coca-Cola Cup fourth-round tie at home to the second division strugglers, Walsall, tonight.

"Over the years, matches like this have always been banana skins for West Ham and that record has to end," he said. "We have to *make sure* we're ready. We had Huddersfield at home in the round before last and that was a difficult game as well, although we won 3-0.

"Last year, I felt I did not have a team that was capable of beating anybody, to be honest; we could not score any goals. It's all changed now. It's a different football club. Suddenly, without having spent a lot of money, we've got a *playing staff worth* an awful lot of money for the first time in a long time."

Over the past 12 months, Redknapp's revolution has brought in players such as John Hartson, Paul Kitson, Ian Pearce, David Unsworth, Eyal Berkovic, Andy Impey and Steve Lomas, coupled with the emergence of younger *players such as* Rio Ferdinand and Frank Lampard.

Confidence at the club is high, especially with Kitson on the road to recovery from a hernia injury that has kept him out for two months — with Redknapp confident he will be fit to face Aston Villa at home a week on Saturday. West Ham are taking the Coca-Cola Cup seriously, even though there is no certainty of a place in the Uefa Cup for the *winner.*

"Manchester United and maybe Arsenal did not place a great deal of importance on it, but everybody else has," Redknapp said. "We are due a day out at Wembley. Everyone involved in the competition wants to get there, even if there is no place in Europe at the end of it. But that may change and there may be a place after all as the Football League are pushing for it to be restored."

Redknapp will give *late* fitness tests to his wing backs, Tim Breaker, who has been training this week despite a hamstring problem, and Impey, who is recovering from a foot injury.

However, Hartson, the club's leading scorer, has been declared fit after an injury scare after West Ham's last Premiership match, at Chelsea, and he may be partnered up front by new signing, Samassi Abou, who would be making *his full debut.*

Meanwhile, Redknapp confirmed that West Ham have put behind them the on-pitch scuffle between two teammates, Berkovic and John Moncur, during the Chelsea game at *Stamford Bridge*. He said the players had apologised to each other.

The Walsall central defender, Ian Roper, has been ruled out after failing a fitness test on his knee. Roper, 20, will be replaced either by the veteran player-coach, Derek Mountfield, or the former England Under-21 defender, Stuart Ryder.

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8/13 CHELSEA 12/5 DRAW SOUTHAMPTON 4/1
Stamford Bridge, Kick-off 7.45pm, Live on SKY.

CORRECT SCORE
CHELSEA / SCORE TO BE / SOUTH'PTON
13/2 ......1-0 ......10/1
13/2 ......2-0 ......22/1
15/2 ......2-1 ......16/1
10/1 ......3-0 ......66/1
10/1 ......3-1 ......50/1
28/1 ......3-2 ......40/1
17/2 ......0-0 ......17/2
6/1 ......1-1 ......6/1
14/1 ......2-2 ......14/1
Other scores on request.

DOUBLE RESULT
H/TIME / F/TIME
CHELSEA ...... CHELSEA 11/8
CHELSEA ...... DRAW 14/1
CHELSEA ...... SOUTH'PTON 40/1
DRAW ...... CHELSEA 4/1
DRAW ...... DRAW 9/2
DRAW ...... SOUTH'PTON 10/1
SOUTH'PTON. CHELSEA 25/1
SOUTH'PTON. DRAW 14/1
SOUTH'PTON. SOUTH'PTON 9/1
Bets void if 2nd half not started.

FIRST GOALSCORER
4/1...ZOLA (C)
9/2...VIALLI (C)
5/1...M. HUGHES (C)
9/1...DAVIES (S)
9/1...HIRST (S)
10/1...DI MATTEO (C)
11/1...LE TISSIER (S)
14/1...WISE (C)
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RUGBY UNION: LEAGUE STALWART TALKS OF COMMON INTERESTS AFTER DEFECTING TO RIVAL CODE

Larder calls for unity against the foe

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

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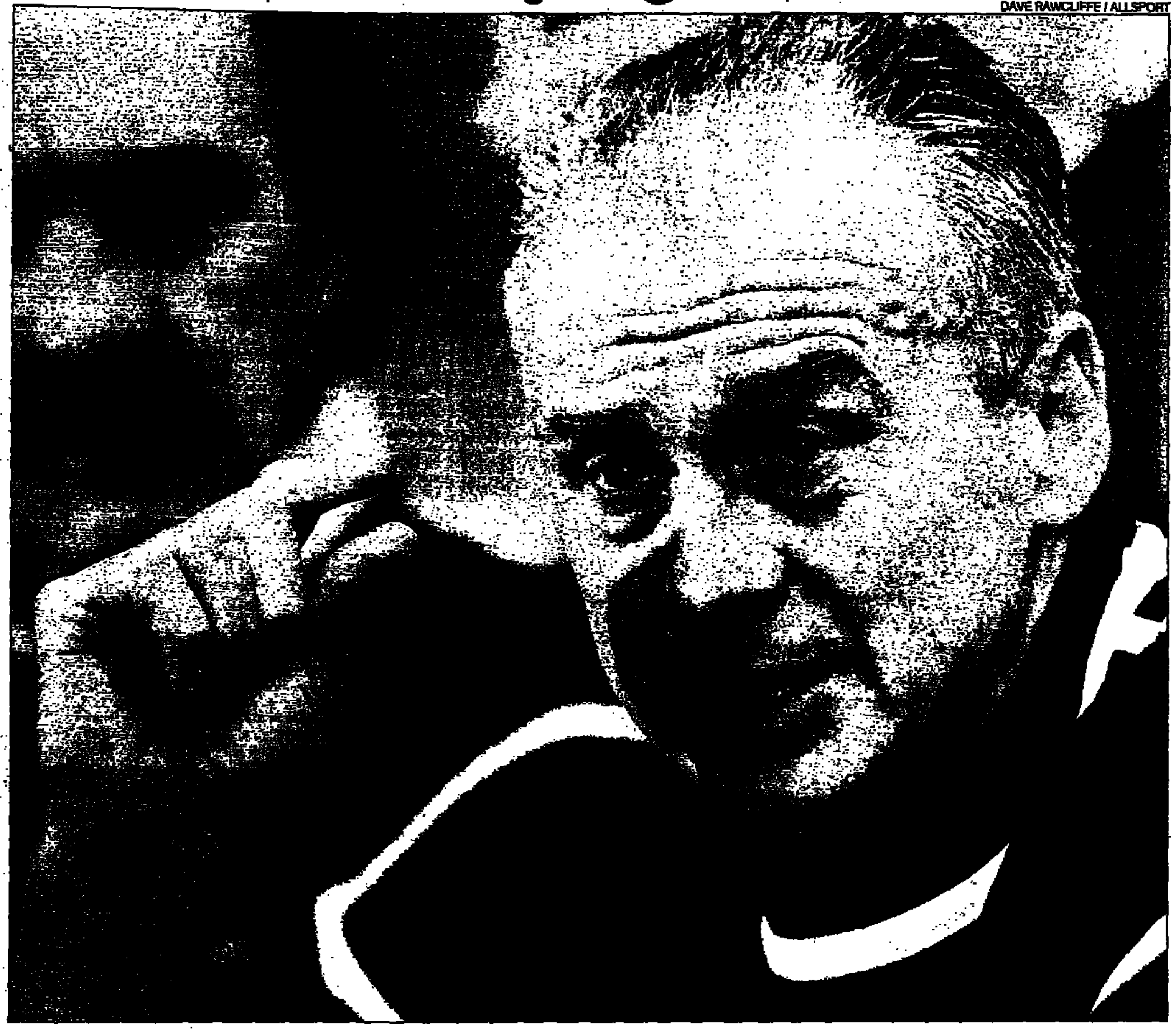

Larder names New Zealand and Australia as the common enemy of British rugby as he confirms his switch to rugby union yesterday

PHIL LARDER spoke winningly yesterday of the "common enemy" that rugby union and rugby league face in this country — teams from New Zealand and Australia — but it seems romantic indeed if rugby league is happy at the potential loss of one of its most influential figures, now that Larder has become a member of the England coaching staff.

His full-time appointment has yet to be confirmed by the Rugby Football Union (RFU), after nearly 30 years as player, coach and administrator in rugby league, but Larder has already committed himself to rugby union. He will help Clive Woodward to prepare England for their internationals against New Zealand, on Saturday and December 6, and South Africa, on November 29, by which time the RFU should have decided whether he will fulfil the role of national development officer.

"We are trying to make both union and league the pinnacle in their respective worlds," Larder, 52, said. "There is scope for the two codes to work together — our enemy is New Zealand and Australia [series winners yet again last Sunday against Great Britain] and there is no reason why we should not pool our resources against them."

When he was director of coaching for the Rugby League, Larder approached Don Rutherford, the RFU's technical director, and suggested that the two codes could learn from each other, to their mutual benefit, though others may feel, that given the dependency of both sports on television funding, it brings closer the day when one or the other will assume supremacy.

"The games are getting very close in certain areas — defensive alignment, kicking and chasing, angles of running — and I'm sure I can be of help," Larder said. "I'm looking at working on the individual skills of players who will be involved with England at the next World Cup [in 1999] and World Cups after that. With a team like England, the difference between reaching a World Cup final and winning it may come down to inches.

"We have similar problems in both codes. One is that we play too many matches, another is that the close season isn't long enough. These things affect players' preparations, not just for the winning of games but their preparation as athletes."

It is this area specifically that all union's governing bodies need to address, given the elasticity of the season deemed necessary to accommodate an increasing weight of fixtures for club and country.

Former rugby league players such as Scott Gibbs, Allan Bateman and John Bentley made a substantial contribution to the success of the British Isles in South Africa last summer and the new RFU administration is making a big effort to provide all-round back-up to the national sides.

For Woodward, who spent five years in Australia, it is familiar territory, since players and coaches crossed back and forth between the codes in that country for years, regardless of International Rugby Football Board rules forbidding contact.

"We have known for a long time that there was a lot of skill up in the north," Woodward said. "I want to get closer to rugby league, rather than be seen as pinching some of their people."

The England coach has made no attempt to conceal his belief that the development of coaching in this country remains in its infancy, compared with the standards set by New Zealand and, to a lesser extent, Australia; nor his belief that a strict adherence to international laws has hindered development, whereas the southern-hemisphere countries have been far more pragmatic in their attitudes.

Meanwhile, Woodward is confident that, after the disappointing 15-15 draw with Australia, England can lift themselves against New Zealand on Saturday.

Fitzpatrick considers retiring

By Our Sports Staff

SEAN FITZPATRICK, the most-capped player in New Zealand rugby history, fears that his career could be over. The All Blacks' captain has already conceded defeat in his attempt to be fit for the first international against England at Old Trafford on Saturday, but he admitted yesterday that his long-standing knee injury, which caused him to miss the win over Ireland at Lansdowne Road last Saturday, could force him to retire.

The hooker, 34, started a training session at Morley RUFC yesterday, but he was clearly in discomfort and spent much of the morning barking out orders to his fellow squad members and in discussion with the coaching staff.

Fitzpatrick has won 91 caps in a playing career that has seen him win every significant honour in the sport. He was part of the All Blacks side that won the inaugural World Cup in 1987 and he captained New Zealand when they lost in the final to South Africa in 1995.

He has led his country 49 times — becoming the first New Zealand captain to win a Test series in South Africa in the process — and has won the tri-nations' tournaments with the All Blacks and had Super 12 success with Auckland. Now, however, Fitzpatrick believes that his troublesome knee could bring a premature end to what has been a wonderful career.

"I've never had an injury like this and that sort of thing is going through my mind," he said. "I'm trying to be philosophical about it. Now is not the right time to make that decision. I won't continue to play if it's not right."

Fitzpatrick said that his prospects of playing on this All Blacks tour were receding. "We'll see how it goes, but in terms of games, it's getting towards the end of the tour," he said. "My knee is aching a bit. I'm more pessimistic about playing on the tour now than I was last week."

John Hart, the New Zealand coach, has not given up on his inspirational captain making a recovery. "We've got another two weeks to go, so we are not writing him off," Hart said. "He's very fit, so he could come in and play at no notice at all. We're keeping our fingers crossed."

Fitzpatrick, who made his New Zealand debut against France in June 1986 and went nine years and 63 matches without missing an international, was more circumspect. He would only go so far as to say that he was keen to play an active part in training sessions.

SNOOKER

McManus on verge of tipping out White

By Phil Yates

JIMMY WHITE'S resurgence this season has been fuelled by a pair of victories over Alan McManus, but the Scot went a long way to gaining a measure of revenge at the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship in Preston yesterday.

McManus led White 6-2 after the first session of their third-round match and needs to win just three of the remaining nine frames to defeat the six-times world championship runner-up for only the fourth time in 15 meetings.

White had problems with a new tip and found it difficult to judge the thin contacts needed between cue ball and object ball for effective safety play. McManus, who has lost their four most recent encounters, capitalised and established a 5-0 advantage, restricting White to an aggregate of 54 points. His break of 79 in the first frame opened the floodgates before runs of 45, 73, 42 and 126 placed a strangely subdued White in considerable trouble.

During the mid-session interval, White left the auditorium and sought the assistance of Lawrie Annandale, a referee-come-cue-doctor, who hardened the tip with paper from a facsimile machine.

White, the 1992 United Kingdom champion, gained a foothold by winning a scrappy sixth frame, but McManus, assisted by a break of 56, moved 6-1 ahead and was poised for 7-1 until, leading 43-1 late in the eighth, he missed a relatively straightforward red to a middle pocket. White seized his chance with a clearance of 79, looking confident despite the scoreline.

Defeat would be a setback to his chances of returning to the game's elite. Having figured in the semi-finals of the Grand Prix last month, White had high hopes of regaining the place in the top 16 he relinquished at the end of the 1996-97 season after 15 years of unbroken occupation.

Peter Ebdon, the No 5 seed, recovered from a hesitant start to be level at 4-4 after the opening session against Jason Prince, an Irishman based in Yorkshire. Ebdon, who went in-off unluckily after potting the black to lose the first frame, trailed 3-1, but stole the fifth with a clearance of 45 and began to look the more likely winner. Either McManus or White awaits in the fourth round.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Wigan move agreed

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan Warriors have confirmed plans to share Wigan Athletic Football Club's new 25,000-capacity stadium, which is to be built at Robin Park in the town (Christopher Irvine writes). Wigan have sold Central Park for supermarket development and are due to move out after the 1999 season.

Tommy Martyn, the St Helens stand-off half, has withdrawn a transfer request and agreed a new three-year contract. Martyn has not played since May because of a knee injury.

Drawn apart

HOCKEY: The seven remaining Premier League sides have avoided each other in the fourth round draw of the English Women's HA Cup. At least two non-league sides are assured of a place in the last 16, with Sunbury taking on Welton and Harleston facing Dereham in a Norfolk derby. The holders, Hightown, have a home draw against Canterbury, who are now second in the first division.

Raleigh recruit

CYCLING: Carl Sturgeon, whose victory in Sunday's second round of the cyclo-cross National Trophy gave him the overall lead in the series, will join the strong Team Raleigh squad which is led by Barrie Clarke, the national champion, on January 1.

Miami lead

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Dan Marino threw for 234 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Miami Dolphins to a 30-13 defeat of the Buffalo Bills in the Monday night game, giving them a share of the lead in the AFC East division with the New York Jets.

Awkward start

HOCKEY: England will play Spain, the 1996 Olympic silver medal-winners, in the first of their pool matches in the men's World Cup in Utrecht, Holland, on May 21 next year.

Fixtures: May 21: v Spain (8.05pm). May 23: v Pakistan (1.35). May 25: v Poland (6.35). May 27: v Australia (3.05). May 28: v Malaysia (3.05)

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Miami 30 Buffalo 13.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Portland 120 Dallas 75.

BILLIARDS

PRESTON: United Kingdom championship: Quarter-finals: M Russell (Eng) bt N Patel (India) 948-385; R Chapman (Eng) bt I Williamson (Eng) 894-229; R Foldvari (Aus) bt P Gilchrist (Eng) 580-89; G Sethi (India) bt D Causier (Eng) 734-572.

BOXING

HILTON HOTEL, London: Amateur international: England 5 United States 2 (England names first): Heavyweight: W Benna bt T Trujillo, rsc 1st rnd. Light-heavy: M Krence lost to R Stevens, pts. Middle: J Pearce bt R Roper, pts. Light-middle: C Bessey bt T Wilt, rsc 3rd rnd; M Barker lost to N Myers, pts. Feather: S Bell bt R Ferrer, pts. Light-fly: I Napa bt K Norman, pts.

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

SPALDING CUP: Second round: Kidderminster 0 Hednesford 2.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Southern division: Chelmsford 5 Fleet 0

RYMAN LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Romford v Worthing. Guardian Insurance Cup: Second round replay: Purfleet 1 Billericay 2 (aet; 1-1 after 90min).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 2 Tottenham Hotspur 4; Norwich 1 Portsmouth 0.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Stoke 1 Aston Villa 0. First division: Leicester 0 Middlesbrough 1.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Erith 1 Sheppey 4

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien Butchers Premier division Cup: Ruislip Manor 1 London Colney 2.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Keynsham 1 Chippenham 1.

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Swindon Town 1 Bristol Rovers 1; Swansea City 3 Bedford Town 2; Peterborough United 2 Doncaster Rovers 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 3 Real Valladolid 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Buckinghamshire 2 Berkshire 0. Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: Reading 3 Southampton 0. Other match: Charterhouse 1 Aldenham 0.

GOLF

KAUAI, Hawaii: PGA Grand Slam: First-round scores: 66: T Woods (US). 68: E Els (SA). 71: D Love III (US). 77: J Leonard (US).

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 12.00pts ave; 2, T Woods (US) 10.58; 3, E Els (SA) 9.68; 4, N Price (Zim) 9.30; 5, D Love III (US) 8.85; 6, C Montgomerie (Scot) 8.71; 7, J Ozaki (Japan) 8.40; 8, M O'Meara (US) 8.23; 9, P Mickelson (US) 8.22; 10, T Lehman (US) 7.83; 11, J Leonard (US) 6.98; 12, S Hoch (US) 6.89; 13, D Duval (US) 6.78; 14, B Faxon (US) 6.57; 15, N Faldo (Eng) 6.45; 16, V Singh (Fiji) 6.32; 17, S Elkington (Aus) 6.26; 18, F Couples (US) 5.89; 19, J Parnevik (Swe) 5.76; 20, B Langer (Ger) 5.43.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S HA CUP: Fourth-round draw: Bracknell v Epsom; Bradford v Slough; Chelmsford v Southampton; Didsbury v Trojans; Doncaster v Bluehearts; Ealing v Leicester; Exeter v Aldridge; Harleston v Dereham; Hightown v Canterbury; Loughborough Students v Crimson Ramblers; Olton v Taunton Vale; Poynton v Charnwood; Sunbury v Welton; Sutton Coldfield v Swindon; Whitley Bay v Clifton; Woking v Wimbledon.

☐ Ties to be played November 30.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 4 Tampa Bay 1; Boston 4 Ottawa 2; St Louis 3 Toronto 2; Phoenix 6 Edmonton 3.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Land British Open: Men: Singles: First round: R Gunn bt M Eadie 6-4, 6-4, 6-0; S Virgona bt P Tabley 5-6, 6-5, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; A Phillips bt B Dale 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: North: Third round: King Edward VII Lytham 0 Lancaster RGS 28; Hutton GS 57 Rossall School 0; Wirral GS 25 St Edwards College 20. Midlands: Third round: King Edward VI, Aston 0 Oundle School 64; Bromsgrove School 32 Warwick School 7; Mount St Mary's College 29 King Edward VI, Camp Hill 8. South West: Third round: Colston's Collegiate School 48 St Peter's HS, Gloucester 11; St Brendans Sixth Form College 22 Chew Valley School 7. Fourth round: Stowe School 3 RGS, High Wycombe 46. London/South East: Second round: Chichester HS 3 Lord Wandsworth College 12; Kent College 3 Tonbridge School 17; Eltham College 51 Langley Park School 13; Wymondham College 12 Bishop's Stortford HS 41; Royal Hospital School 0 Campion School 60.

SAILING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Second leg (Cape Town to Fremantle). Positions (at 1200 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle): 1, Swedish Match (Swe) 1,717.8; 2, Innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 2,043.6; 3, Toshiba (US) 2,183; 4, EF Language (Swe) 2,360.3; 5, Silk Cut (GB) 2,411.2; 6, Chessie Racing (US) 2,423.8; 7, EF Education (Swe) 2,525.3; 8, Merit Cup (Monaco) 2,528.6; 9, Brunel Sunergy (Holl) 2,566.8.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship: Second round: G Greene (Eng) bt S Davis (Eng) 9-2; Q Hann (Aus) bt N Bond (Eng) 9-6; M Williams (Wales) bt J Birch (Eng) 9-6; A Hicks (Eng) bt L Richardson (Eng) 9-8; D Taylor (N Ire) bt S James (Eng) 9-5; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt M Campbell (Scot) 9-6; M Dziewialtowski (Scot) bt J Swail (N Ire) 9-5; T Murphy (N Ire) bt C Scanlon (Eng) 9-8. Third round: A McManus (Sco) leads J White (Eng) 6-2; D Morgan (Wales) leads B Jones (Eng) 5-3; A Drago (Malta) leads M Stevens (Wales) 5-3; J Parrott (Eng) level M King 4-4; G Wilkinson (Eng) leads J Wattana (Thai) 5-3; S Ali (Pak) level with D Reynolds (Eng) 4-4; P Ebdon (Eng) level J Prince (N Ire) 4-4; A Lee (Eng) leads C Small (Scot) 5-3.

SQUASH

HARTFORD, Connecticut: Hartford Women's Open: Semi-finals: S Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt C Nitch (SA) 9-3, 9-2, 9-7; C Jackman (Eng) bt L Irving (Aus) 9-2, 9-1 ret. Final: Fitz-Gerald bt Jackman, 9-4, 9-7, 9-3

TENNIS

NEW YORK: WTA Chase Championship: First round: N Tauziat (Fr) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-3, 6-3; M Pierce (Fr) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 6-3, 6-4; I Spirlea (Rom) bt S Testud (Fr) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

PATTAYA, Thailand: Volvo Women's Open: First round: R Dragomir (Rom) bt L Horn (SA) 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; L Golarsa (It) bt Y Yoshida (Japan) 6-2, 6-3; C Morariu (US) bt K Kunce (Aus) 6-1, 6-2; H Nagyova (Slovakia) bt M Endo (Japan) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; Wang Shi-Ting (Taiwan) bt M Saeki (Japan) 6-1 6-2; S Noorlander (Holl) bt T Panova (Russ) 6-3, 6-3; C Cristea (Rom) bt Cho Yoon Jeong (S Kor) 6-3, 6-3; B Sangaram (Thai) bt M Noroi (Thai) 6-1, 7-6; D van Roost (Bel) bt N van Lottum (Fr) 6-4, 6-0

VOLLEYBALL

HIROSHIMA: World grand champions Cup: Women: Cuba 3 South Korea 0; Russia 3 Brazil 2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Coca-Cola Cup
Fourth round
Chelsea v Southampton (7.45) ....
West Ham v Walsall (7.45) ....

Spalding Cup
Second round
Farnborough v Hereford (7.45) ....

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Rangers ....

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Forest Green v Worcester City (7.45); Sittingbourne v Hastings; St Leonards v Cambridge City. Midland division: Paget R v RC Warwick; Wisbech Town v Raunds Town; VS Rugby v Grantham. Southern division: Baldock v Dartford; Erith and Belvedere v Margate; Fareham v Fisher London.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Gainsborough v Accrington Stanley; Winsford v Bamber Bridge. First division: Farsley Celtic v Ashton United. Cup: Second round: Bradford Park Avenue v Frickley. Unifilla First division Cup: First round: Whitby v Whitley Bay.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Oxford United v Crystal Palace (at Witney Town FC); Southampton v Luton (at Staplewood); Watford v Millwall (at Northwood FC); Wimbledon v Charlton (at Plough Lane, 2.0).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Birmingham v Manchester United (at Hednesford Town FC, 7.15); Leeds v Derby (at Halifax Town FC, 7.0); Nottingham Forest v Blackburn (7.0); Preston v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0). First division: Grimsby v Wolverhampton (7.0); Manchester City v Bolton (at Altrincham FC, 7.0); Oldham v Sunderland (at Stalybridge Celtic, 7.0); Port Vale v Coventry (7.0); West Bromwich v Huddersfield (at Halesowen Town FC, 7.0). Second division: Blackpool v York (7.0); Bradford v Shrewsbury (7.0); Lincoln v Burnley (7.0); Rochdale v Stockport (7.0); Rotherham v Barnsley (7.0); Wrexham v Carlisle (7.0). Third division: Chesterfield v Wigan (7.0). Cup: Group six: Scarborough v Tranmere (7.0).

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Tiverton.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Continental Star v Kenilworth; Handrahan Timbers v Alvechurch; Meir K A v Cheslyn Hay.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: St Helens v Newcastle Town.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v Romsey

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Kempston v St Neots; N Spencer v Wootton; Spalding v Holbeach; Yaxley v Stotfold.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Mile Oak v Hassocks; Saltdean v Shoreham. John O'Hara League Cup: Eastbourne Town v Ringmer.

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Invitation Cup: Dudley Sports v Friar Lane Old Boys; Stapenhill v Willenhall.

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Penrith v Stockton.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield v Arnold.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Cup: Second round, first leg: Caernarfon v Connah's Quay (7.45); Ebbw Vale v Aberystwyth; Flint Town v Conwy; Inter Cable-Tel v Caersws; Porthmadog v Bangor.

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Fraserburgh v Elgin.

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Aston Villa v Notts County; Newcastle v Hull; Crawley v Great Wakering; Walton and Hersham v Rushden and Diamonds. First round replay: Leyton Orient v Torquay; Dulwich Hamlet v Welling; Brighton and Hove v Woking.

RUGBY UNION

Cheltenham & Gloucester Cup
Group D
Bedford v Cambridge University (7.30) ....

AIB League
First division
Lansdowne v Old Belvedere (7.0) ....

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Royal Marines v Royal New Zealand Navy (at Devonport, 7.0); Royal Navy v Hampshire (at US Portsmouth, 7.0); Surrey v Sussex Presidents XV (at Imber Court, 7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Sainsbury's Classic Cola National Cup: Quarter-finals: Sheffield Sharks v Leicester Riders (7.30); Thames Valley Tigers v London Leopards (8.0).

ICE HOCKEY: Express Cup: Nottingham Panthers v Ayr Scottish Eagles (7.30); Bracknell Bees v Sheffield Steelers (8.0).

SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship (at Preston).

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

When dummy has bare trump honours and plenty of tricks on the side, making dummy ruff can be the winning defence — it may promote a trump trick. This is a simple example.

Dealer North **Love all** **IMPs**

♠A862
♥AQ
♦KQ943
♣J10

♠7
♥J865
♦865
♣AK753

N
W E
S

♠QJ1095
♥103
♦J72
♣Q86

♠K43
♥K9742
♦A10
♣942

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: ace of clubs.

In the match between Belarus and Germany in the 1997 Generali European Championship, North-South arrived in Four Hearts after South had shown 10 or 11 points and no club stopper. The German West, Andrew Holowski, brightly played three rounds of clubs. Declarer had to ruff in dummy and now West's trump holding was worth two tricks. Had West switched after taking two clubs, declarer could have arranged to unblock dummy's ace-queen of hearts and then come to hand to draw a third round with the king. Then he plays on diamonds, losing two clubs and just one trump.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AULARIAN
a. A winged dinosaur
b. A monophysite heretic
c. To do with a college

FASCINATOR
a. A head shawl
b. A magpie trap
c. A player in the Wall Game

CLEIDOIC
a. Wrapped up
b. Pre-Jurassic
c. Hibernating

DYBBUK
a. A two-volume German book
b. A nasty spirit
c. To entrap

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Veteran's exploit

Earlier this week I have mentioned performances by the two veteran Russians Vassily Smyslov and Mark Taimanov. A third Russian veteran whose play can still display the sparkle of his greatest days is 73 year old David Bronstein. In the following game he constructs a superbly attractive finish.

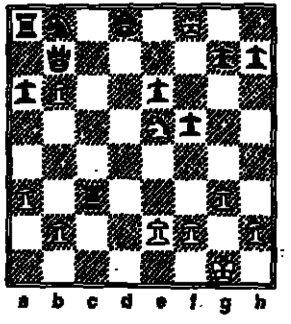
White: Bronstein

Black: Vedder Hoogeveen 1997

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Bb7
5	Bg2	Bb4+
6	Bd2	c5
7	dxc5	Bxc5
8	0-0	0-0
9	Nc3	Ne4
10	Qc2	f5
11	Rad1	Nxd2
12	Rxd2	a6
13	a3	Qc7
14	Rfd1	Be7
15	Qb3	Rc8
16	c5	Bc6
17	cxb6	Qb7
18	Ne5	Bxg2
19	Rxd7	Bd5
20	R1xd5	Rxc3
21	Rd8+	Bf8
22	Rxf8+	Kxf8
23	Qb4+	Ke8
24	Rd8+	Kxd8
25	Qf8	checkmate

Diagram of final position



Anti Sicilian

One of the most effective lines against the popular Sicilian Defence is 2 c3. This avoids much of the theory, while still being sound and aggressive. Here is a good example from the World Team Championship.

White: Ekstroem
Black: Gaprindashvili
World Team Championship, Lucerne 1997

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	c3	d5
3	exd5	Qxd5
4	d4	Nf6
5	Nf3	g6
6	Qb3	Qxb3
7	axb3	cxd4
8	Nxd4	Nd5
9	Bc4	Nc7
10	Bf4	Nba6
11	Nb5	Nxb5
12	Bxb5+	Kd8
13	Rxa6	bxa6
14	Bc6	Bf5
15	Ke2	Bh6
16	Bxh6	Rb8
17	Nd2	Rb6
18	Bd5	Be6
19	Bxe6	Rxe6+
20	Be3	Kc8
21	Ra1	Rd8
22	h4	f6
23	b4	Rd7
24	Nb3	Rc6
25	Nc5	Rdd6
26	g3	e5
27	h5	g5
28	g4	Kb8
29	Kf3	Black resigns

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. From the game Holzl — Speelman, Hastings 1971.

With three pawns and a bishop against a rook, Black has a very good position. He now increased his material advantage to even greater proportions. Can you see how?

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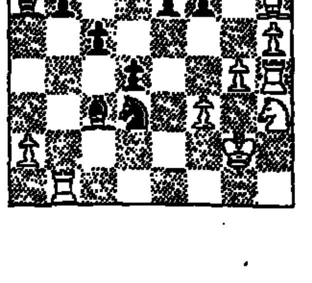

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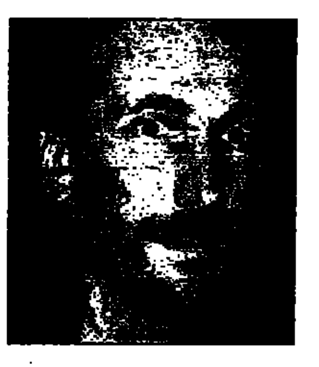
Athletes who have ability but no class will never be great

Jonah Lomu and the All Blacks are the ultimate bullies; Hick, the ultimate flat-track bully; Cole, a reformed flat-tracker; and McEnroe, a classic non-bully

If you cannot beat the best, be a bully

SIMON BARNES



An old sporting phrase slipped into my mind as I watched New Zealand put 52 unanswered points past Ireland on Saturday. The phrase was "flat-track bully". Not altogether inappropriate, because the phrase was a New Zealander's contemptuous assessment of the talents of Graeme Hick a few years back.

The ability to dismiss inadequate opposition is nothing to be sneezed at. It is a job that needs to be done and the All Blacks, once they had found their stride, were relentless, merciless, utterly unforgiving. Ireland needed to be beaten and were soundly beaten. If New Zealand were, indeed, flat-track bullies in the second half, one can only use the term admiringly.

The term was not used admiringly of Hick. It implied a limitation. It meant that Hick was a superb player against poor opposition and in favourable conditions. There was probably no better man in the world when it came to the task of destroying inadequate bowlers.

If ever you needed someone to score a century against Holland, then Hick was your man — Why not? Someone has to do it — but when Hick came to face the best bowling in the world, something went out of him. It was never his ability to play cricket that was in question. That elusive and terrible failing has made Hick one of the most fascinating sporting conundrums of all times.

Entire teams can take on the mantle of the flat-track bully. Rangers have little option to do anything else. Europe routinely and inevitably finds them out. Manchester United showed signs of going the same way. Domestic football seemed as if it was becoming easy. They put nine goals past Ipswich Town a couple of seasons ago, with Andy Cole, a flat-track bully within a flat-track bully team, scoring five. But Europe found them out.

It is vastly to the credit of the team and the manager that this season, United, and Cole within it, have transcended their flat-track bully status. So far, they have bullied the hapless at home and confidently taken on the best of Europe as well. It is no small matter to acquire the status of a flat-track bully and then go beyond it.

Yet at least with teams it is clearly possible to do so. With individuals, it is, perhaps, out of the question. Interestingly, the ability to bully the inadequate is not an essential part of the armoury of a champion. Some great champions have possessed almost nothing of this quality. John McEnroe is a classic example of the non-flat-track bully. His lack of this quality almost literally drove him mad. Note that his ghastly temper tantrums only ever came when he took on players a good way below him in the rankings.

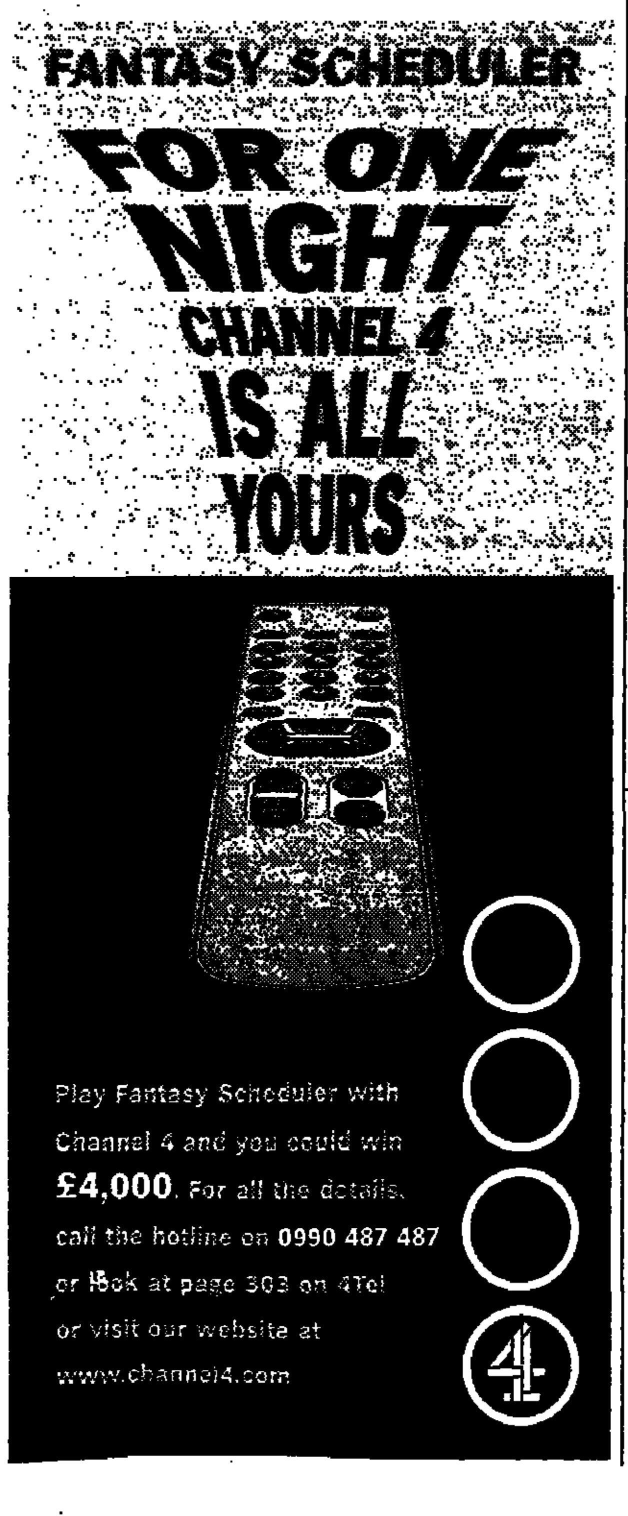
When he could not get his mind around the straightforward task of a straight-sets win against a journeyman, the devils would gather and the barley water would start to fly. Note that he never mislaid the marbles in a grand-slam final. He never snarled when he played Bjorn Borg.

Borg, too, often lacked the quality of flat-track bully. He would normally need some near-disaster, some wobbly five-setter in the early rounds at Wimbledon, before his mind focused on his target. In contrast, Richard Krajicek, who won the men's singles title last year, did so in the manner of a flat-track bully, after taking his chance against an unfit and out-of-sorts Pete Sampras on the way.

People such as Krajicek and Hick are just as good as the very top men, sometimes they are even better, but they do not normally win. They do not often make big scores against the very best. Why is this?

My mind goes back to horses, as it tends to, and to that indefinible thing called class. It happens, often enough, that faster horses do not wish to overtake slower ones. It is to do with dominance hierarchy, a race being a temporary herd. It is a question of knowing your place, a matter summed up for all time in the phrase "cheap horses know it".

A true flat-track bully, team or individual, has ability without class. He has everything it takes to be a top dog except the will. Every flat-track bully is a cheap horse and, in his heart, he knows it.



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MOTOR RACING

Coulthard upset over sacrifice at Jerez

DAVID COULTHARD said yesterday that he was upset when his McLaren team ordered him to allow Mika Hakkinen, his team-mate, to pass him and claim victory in the European Grand Prix that ended the season last month.

The Scot said that he was set to win the race at Jerez, Spain, before the command came through from the pits to allow the pursuing Hakkinen through. "The reason I was disappointed was that there had been no discussion before the race about the possibility of that situation," Coulthard said. "But Mika deserved the win. It is important to remember that it is a team sport."

Coulthard also defended the penalty of community work that was given to the Ferrari driver, Michael Schumacher, after his ramming of the Williams car of Jacques Villeneuve, the world champion, in the race.

There was widespread criticism of the punishment, which also included stripping the German of his second place in this year's Formula One world championship. The ruling was given by FIA, the world governing body of motor sport.

"To ban him for a couple of races would not be healthy for the sport and a fine would hardly dent his £30 million-a-year salary," Coulthard said. "The fact that he has to spend time in the off-season with young people is fine. The fact that there has been a spotlight on his actions will make him think again."

WORD-WATCHING

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AULARIAN

(c) Pertaining to or characteristic of a hall in a collegiate university, especially in respect to its power of self-administration. From the Latin *aula* a hall. "As the foundation of this establishment marks a new era in the academical annals of this University, it is not without reason that the name of New College should still attach to this erection. Before this period, however, the Aularian system was generally prevalent."

FASCINATOR

(a) A head shawl worn by women, either crocheted or made of a soft material. "Doris, in a pink cloak trimmed with swansdown and a candy-striped facinator over her dark head, stepped out."

CLEIDOIC

(a) Closed up. Applied to an egg enclosed in a shell or membrane. From the Greek *kleidōō, kléis, kleid-* a key. "The history of the steps which led to the cleidoic egg is the history of eggs in general."

DYBBUK

(b) In Jewish folk-lore, the malevolent spirit of a dead person that enters and controls the body of a living person until exorcised, a kind of incubus and succubus. From the Hebrew *dibbūk* to cling or cleave. "An old Jew who muttered jargon into a rabbi's beard as if saying a spell against Dybbuks."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Be!! traps the h4-rook and leaves Black with an easy win on material.

SAILING

Swedes set pace for Fremantle

SWEDISH MATCH, the leaders in the second leg of the Whitbread Round the World yacht race, reasserted themselves yesterday in the gruelling Southern Ocean. Gunnar Krantz, the skipper, and his crew have endured rough seas and a broken spinnaker and seen their lead cut by 200 miles by the backmarkers.

However, for 12 hours yesterday, they were the fastest boat in the fleet, with an average speed of 18 knots. Krantz said: "We have been feeling like a hunted animal for the last day and a half, but, limping round the Kerguelen Islands, we found new food and energy and now we are on the run again."

Swedish Match was 1,717.6 miles from Fremantle, Australia, yesterday and, at the present rate of progress, could complete the second leg of the race by Monday.

Innovation Kvaerner remained second, 326 miles behind, having gained 8.4 miles yesterday morning. However, the Norwegian boat lost time while the crew repaired damage to the bow and replaced battens in the mainsail, enabling *Toshiba* to move 60 miles closer in third place.

After the repairs were completed, *Kvaerner* reached a speed of 20 knots.

"We got the thing down and took it easy for a while when I considered that we had gone beyond the safety limit," Knut Frostad, the *Kvaerner* skipper, said. "The wind dropped a bit before we got something bigger up — and now we're flying again."

TELEVISION CHOICE

More murder for Morse

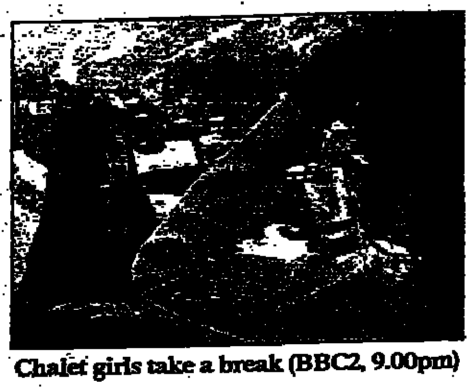
Inspector Morse
ITV, 8.00pm (not STV or Grampian)

Devotees of John Thaw's grumpy, opera-loving detective can be assured that his 31st televised case is well up to the standard of the previous 30. The series may have been running since 1987 but the formula has changed little and at this rate old Morse could still be solving murders well into the next century. By now the appeal of the show lies in feeling comfortable with predictable ingredients. When a young woman is shot dead in her home and an Oxford college prepares to choose a new Master, we can be sure that the two are linked. We know that the unravelling of the crime will be leisurely and convoluted. We can relish (all too briefly) James Grout's irascible Chief Super and savour the contributions of the usual quality cast which tonight includes Richard Briers, John Shrapnel and Maggie Steed.

The Real Holiday Show
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Girl power is the theme of tonight's show in which all the featured holidaymakers are female. Just how much power Sarah and her friends possess is limited by the fact that her Dad comes to Spain with them. They are only 15 and taking their first holiday together and he feels they need a chaperon. Being a probation officer, he says, means he is used to taking groups of delinquents away (joke). The self-styled Sheffield Spice Girls need nobody to look after them as they live it up in Magaluf. One describes it as 14 Friday nights on the trot. Drink and sex loom large, especially the former. After this it is a relief to turn to three women in their 80s and to hear about their trip to St Petersburg, where they sampled the vodka and the Metro and were relieved that the food was not as bad as they had expected.

Modern Times: The Bubble
BBC2, 9.00pm



Chalet girls take a break (BBC2, 9.00pm)

They call it the bubble because it insulates them from real life. Daniel Reed's film is set in Meribel, a ski resort in the French Alps, and features three Britons who, in their various ways, have gone there to escape. Henrietta, a 23-year-old from Henley-on-Thames, has signed on as a chalet girl for five months. She gets £55 a week, with free board and lodging, and it saves her having to decide what to do with her life. Andy also cleans out chalets, though at 32 he realises he is getting a bit old. But, as with Henrietta, it is an excuse not to face up to the real world. The third subject, Tony, is a headhunter who earns so much money working three days a week in London that he can afford to spend most of his time in Meribel. But bubbles tend to burst and as the season ends, the trio must come out of their cocoon and face the world.

Secret Lives: L. Ron Hubbard
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The founder of the Church of Scientology, this profile observes, "spent much of his later life at sea, on the run from those who accused him of being a crook or a charlatan". Disappointingly, perhaps, the film fails to resolve these charges one way or the other. All the same, it is hardly a flattering portrait, even though it is largely based on the testimonies of Hubbard's close associates. As is the way with leaders of cults, Hubbard had a way of getting people to do his bidding. "I was overwhelmed," recalls one supporter, Cyril Vosper. "I was meeting God with plus signs." The irony highlighted by the film is that the man who claimed to cleanse the minds of others failed with his own. He became dictatorial, paranoid and egocentric and died a recluse. But the church continues to protect his image. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Late Night Opening: The Iguanodon
Radio 4, 11pm

The *Late Night Opening* comedy slot has its ups and downs, as comedy slots tend to do, but this, the start of a three-parter by Paul Lucas, is one of the ups, especially for those who enjoy a mixture of whimsy and wordplay. Captain: "If it wasn't for punctuality we'd all run out of breath". Passenger: "That's punctuation, captain." The impetus for the drama is the attempt by Mr Brooks (Bernard Cribbins) to have an unforgettable sea voyage after "a lifetime in custards". The unplanned lighthouse rendezvous is the start, rather than the end of the adventure, which involves sailing into the notorious Woe Betides. As well as Cribbins, the cast includes Paul Haigh (Eric in *Preston Front*), Rosemary Leach and Patsy Byrne.

Blue Collar
Radio 2, 9pm

Start of a four-part series presented by Billy Bragg, whose own musical focus has crystallised over the years from a pop-rock base into a much more folk-orientated style now. The series sets out to tell the history of working-class music in the United Kingdom and America so it is territory familiar to Bragg. That is especially so of tonight's programme on folk music, which explores the origins of folk in the American Civil War and the British Industrial Revolution, taking in an impressive range of singers, from Woody Guthrie in the 1930s to Britain's Ewan McColl 40 years later. The 1990s has brought a working-class revival in terms of popular song, thanks to albums by Bruce Springsteen among others. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball. **9.00** Simon Mayo. Includes Radio 1's Greatest Hits and Dead or Alive quiz **12.00** Jo Whiley. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Radcliffe. Includes showbiz entertainment from Radcliffe and the boy Lard **4.00** Dave Pearce **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session. More music and session tracks **8.30** Trade Update with Clare McDonnell **8.40** John Peel. Includes Calexico in session **10.30** Charlie Jordan. Includes the Breezeblock from midnight **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Jim Lloyd **9.00** Blue Collar. See Choice **9.30** John Mortimer Presents Sensational British Trials: The Case of the Deadly Nightcap. A demure and beautiful young women is accused of murder **10.00** The Directors: Mike Leigh talks to Mark Kermode about the British cinema **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** John Terrett

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme **9.00** Nicky Campbell. The daily topical discusion and Euronews **12.00** Midday with Mair. Includes Moneycheck with Philippa Lamb **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide with Julian Worricker **7.00** News Extra with David McNeil **7.30** John Inverdale's Football Night. Fourth-round action in the Coca-Cola cup. Plus Celtic v Rangers in Scotland **10.00** Littlejohn. Topical football debate **11.00** News Extra with David McNeil **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp **5.00** Morning Reports

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: The Handmaid's Tale **7.30** Meridian Live **8.00** News **8.10** Pause for Thought **8.15** Westway **8.30** Everywoman **9.00** News; News in German (648 only) **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** The Farming World **9.30** Science File **9.45** Sport **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** One Planet **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Sports International **12.00** News **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Wildtrack **12.45** Sport **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.00** News; News in German (648 only) **3.05** Sport **3.15** Performance **3.30** Everywoman **4.00** News **4.15** From Our Own Correspondent **4.30** The World Today; News in German (648 only) **4.45** Britain **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Sport **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** The Works; News in German (648 only) **7.00** News **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Pause for Thought **7.30** Multitrack X-Press **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain **9.30** On Screen **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.05** Outlook **11.30** Multitrack X-Press **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** F. O. O. C. **12.45** Britain **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Meridian Books **3.00** News **3.05** Business **3.15** Sport **3.30** Journey to the Centre of the Atom **3.45** Children in Conversation **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Europe **5.00** Newsday **5.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour **2.00** Concerto. Brahms (Violin Concerto in D) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight with John Brunning **7.30** Sonata. Haydn (Keyboard Sonata No 38 in F) **8.00** Evening Concert. Berlioz (Overture, Benvenuto Cellini); Respighi (Three Botticelli Pictures) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r) **3.00** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jeremy Clark **7.00** Chris Evans **10.00 (FM)** Robin Banks **(AM)** Graham Dene **1.00pm (FM)** Nick Abbot **(MW)** Nicky Horne **4.00** Russ 'n' Jono **7.00 (FM)** Paul Coyte **(AM)** Caimin Jones **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Oboe Concerto in C); Delius (Violin Sonata No 3); Mozart (Fantasie in F minor); Dvořák (The Wild Dove); Chabrier (España); Alfven (Swedish Rhapsody No 1, Midsummer Vigil)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Grandi (O Intemerata); Falla (The Three-Cornered Hat)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with John Toal. Telemann (Overture-Suite in C); Schubert (Song selection); Glinka (Valse-fantaisie; The Lark); Shchedrin (Concerto for Orchestra No 2, Chimes); Haydn (Piano Trio in E) Henze (Telemanniana); Dohnanyi (Suite in the Old Style); Kodaly (Hary Janos)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Strauss. John Deathridge assesse the influence of Wagner on the work of Strauss
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Jess Trio: Elisabeth Jess-Kropfitsch (violin), Stefan Jess-Kropfitsch (cello), Johannes Jess-Kropfitsch (piano). Haydn (Piano Trio in F); Schubert (Piano Trio in B flat)
2.00 Midweek Choice. Telephone 0171-765 4306
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Lichfield Cathedral
5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. *Gramophone* Award-winner Murray Perahia reveals how his new recording of Schumann's Piano Concerto has given him a passion for music by this keyboard master. Music includes Khachaturian's ballet *Spartacus*, about the revolt of Roman slaves
7.30 Performance on 3: The Royal Concert. Live from the Barbican Hall, London. Steven Isserlis, cello, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under Yakov Kreizberg. Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E *minor*) **8.15** Till the Unready. Edward De Souza reads the cautionary tale of a modern-day Eulenspiegel, who can't quite get started on his First Symphony **8.35** Concert part two. Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel); Stravinsky (Suite The Firebird, 1919)
9.30 Postscript: Tales from the Stacks Reflections on the experience of libraries great and small, here and abroad. The lost library of Alexandria, an evocative symbol of the vanished knowledge of the Ancient world, is said to have contained around 400,000 manuscripts, many of which were accidentally burnt when Julius Caesar was besieged in Alexandria (3/5)
9.45 Dance, Clarion Air. Choral music by Michael Tippett performed by the Finzi Singers
10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the Coull Quartet, with Ivo van der Werff, viola and David Smith, cello. Mendelssohn (Capriccio); Brahms (String Sextet No 2 in G)
10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpenter looks at James Ryan's new book on the art of photography, *Picturing Empire*, and reports on *Welcome to Sarajevo*, Michael Winterbottom's new film examining journalistic ethics in a war zone
11.30 Composer of the Week: Ligeti (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather is joined by Paul Jones and Tony Russell to pay tribute to Jimmy Witherspoon, who died in September
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with the *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guests
10.00 (FM) News; Power and How to Get It (2/4)
10.00 (LW) Daily Service
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Margaret Collins
12.25pm Dinner Ladies (5/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Mysteries of the London Underground. by Michael Butt, based on a story by Michael Gilbert. Detective Inspector Petrella lives in a twilight world of criminality and existential angst, and the mystery of a lost traveller on the Underground does not improve his view of the universe. With Philip Jackson and Stephen Boxer
2.45 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini reviews the musical *Chicago* and discusses war on film with the opening of *Regeneration* and *Welcome to Sarajevo*
4.45 Short Story: The Winner, by Barbara Kimenye, read by Anthony Ofoegbu. After a substantial win on the pools, a Ugandan villager struggles to come to terms with his sudden popularity
5.00 PM 5.45 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrat Party **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Wildbrain (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Mysterious Ways, The *Times* columnist Libby Purves explores how christenings, weddings and funerals have changed over the centuries (2/6)
8.05 A Night with — Ken Campbell. The actor and playwright unlocks the secrets of his nights and chooses poetry, prose and music which evoke night-time for him. (2/6)
8.30 On Giants' Shoulders: Galileo — the Columbus of the Stars. The *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg talks to the physicist Paul Davies and the historians Mario Biagoli, Margaret Wertheim and Michael Sharratt (2/6)
9.00 Costing the Earth. A new series of the environmental magazine. Jeremy Cherfas examines the effects on nature, the economy and society of climate change
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Simple Heart. Julian Barnes reads Gustave Flaubert's classic tale of a woman's life in 19th century Normandy (1/3)
11.00 The Iguanodon. See Choice
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament
11.30 (FM) Hair in the Gate. An arts comedy by Clive Coleman (1/4) (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Bright Lights, Big City, by Jay McInerney (3/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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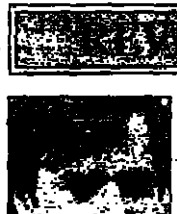
REVIEW



Matthew Bond

If Jehovah's Witnesses didn't insist on knocking on the front door the second after you've stepped into the bath, you wonder what we would find to complain about. Bit over-familiar with God (how do they know that first name terms are OK?), preoccupied by Satan and certainly more than a keystone short of a vaulted ceiling *when it comes* to architecture, but apart from that a decent enough bunch.

That was the main problem with last night's **Cutting Edge: The End is Nigh** (Channel 4). Despite the big come-on offered by the *narration*: "Although Jehovah's Witnesses are happy to come round to your house at inconvenient moments, this is the first time they have let us into their private world," Chris Shepherd's film was about as revelatory as *The Watchtower's* wildlife edition. Just rather more fun.

Being a Jehovah's Witness, we learnt, was all about living within The Truth. *Being a modern* documentary-maker, we all already knew, is all about getting The Sex in early — and Shepherd set about his task enthusiastically. Not that it was difficult when the congregation at Kingdom Hall, Abingdon, included Mauritza, a Cuban-born former circus acrobat who now passes her day as a Lycra-clad aerobics instructor. Any man would be more than happy to forsake their Saturday *morning* ablutions, if they knew it was *Mauritza at the front door.*

But any man would not get a look-in. Relationships are supposed to be conducted within The Truth, which was good news for Matthew, a lanky computer programmer who — in the outside world run by Satan — would have stood as much chance of landing a *Mauritza* as he would a Melinda Messenger. To be fair, he had the look of a man who knew full well that all his Christmases had come at once. "I just got mesmerised by those lovely green eyes," he explained; a comment which I thought had a hint of Satan about it but, because they were engaged, *was apparently all right.*

To be fair to Shepherd, he treated what in documentary terms was a sitting target with considerable restraint, allowing the happy couple time to be *enchanting* ("it's a *very* loving, very close relationship"), to admit to the frustration of abiding by church rules ("we're human just like everybody else") and yet still deliver what he had been after in the first place. When unchaperoned, Mauritza and Matthew had to have their meals where they *could be seen — in* a car parked outside her house.

Not that Shepherd seemed exactly awash with other material to fill his allotted time. The return of the prodigal teenager, Rachel, from her Satan-strewn path (car breakdowns, horse-bites: you name it, he got blamed for it) to baptism was charted in detail but there was virtually nothing on the origins of the Church, its funding *or why they feel so impelled to go* round knocking on doors telling *the rest of us that the end is very* nigh. One Witness admitted to getting rather fed up with it, but what drives them all on is the hope that somebody, presumably in a moment of dripping, towel-clutching madness, lets slips the words: "I don't know what the world's coming to." They do, you see.

I *don't know whether* they've called on Sarah Hills yet in **EastEnders** (BBC1), but now might be a good moment. Having had the weekend to get over Joe, she's dedicating herself to a new life of ... more schoolwork and longer hours at the church refuge. This is not promising, especially for Irene, the only mother in Christendom who wants her teenage daughter to spend more time going to parties and meeting boys.

But things are looking more promising on other fronts, as the series catches its breath after the *excitements and departures of last* week. Lorraine, for so long the *apple of his eye, may have gone,* but Nigel's affections — unless I am mistaken — have already moved on. After his home visit to *Clare's teacher on Monday, we left* him pondering a change of image. Into what, for goodness sake? As for Clare herself, she's now smitten by a floppy-haired adolescent who *looks destined to be the male lead* in a BBC period drama in about five years' time.

But that's far from all, as spring appears to have arrived months early in Walford. There's Robbie and Mary (please no), Phil and Annie *(hmm, interesting)* and, *most* worrying, Ian and Ros, his private detective. I often wondered who Clare Grogan would end up with, but never in a million years did I imagine it would be Ian Beale.

Elsewhere, television's current obsession with natural *disaster continued with* **Savage Earth** (ITV), a series which *sets out to go ... pretty much* where *Raging Planet* went on Channel 4 last Saturday and *Earth and Life* will go on BBC2 *this Friday. Watch all three and* there'll precious little about volcanology you don't know.

While the starting-off point for *Raging Planet* was Montserrat, *Savage Earth* concentrated on Mount St Helens, the Washington State volcano which erupted in 1980, killing almost 60 people. With some lucky-to-be-alive survivors to tell the story and some astonishing time-lapse photography *of half a mountain being* blown away, it was gripping television, but clearly not gripping enough to have been rewarded with an earlier slot.

After that, it all got a bit more familiar — Italy, Iceland, Indonesia and eventually Hawaii, where we met a couple of volcano-freaks *who had got married on a lava* flow that was just three hours old. *Of course, it was gone now,* they said proudly. That's the crucial thing about apocalypses: timing.

BBC1

6.00am **Business Breakfast** (50068)
7.00 **BBC Breakfast News** (T) (55426)
9.00 **Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (T) (5580258)
9.25 **Style Challenge** (5592093)
9.50 **Kilroy** (T) (3926285)
10.30 ***Change That*** *(r)* (7288187)
10.55 **The Really Useful Show** (T) (7714797)
11.35 **Real Rooms** (5611278)
12.00 **News** (T) and weather (6277529)
12.05pm **Call My Bluff** (2161187)
12.35 ***Give Us A Clue*** (2123426)
1.00 **News** (T) and weather (58513)
1.30 **Regional News** (84317838)
1.40 **The Weather Show** (59868703)
1.45 **Neighbours** (T) (44240971)
2.05 ***Quincy*** *(r)* (2980616)
2.55 **Wogan's Best of Blankety Blank** (7907109)
3.30 **Playdays** (8131161) **3.50** ChuckleVision (8055797) **4.10** Get Your Own Back (4860249) **4.35** Out of Tune (1757161) **5.00** Newsround (T) (5325884)
5.10 **Blue Peter** Behind the scenes of *The Phoenix and the Carpet*, a new BBC drama based on E. Nesbit's classic children's tale (T) (9276884)
5.35 **Neighbours** *(r)* (T) (325180)
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** (T) and weather (703)
6.30 **Regional News** (155)
7.00 **Face Value** Could a witch-doctor be the key to good looks? Plus: a look ahead to *fashion at the turn of the century* (T) (6529)
7.30 ***Tomorrow's World*** *Philippa Forrester* reports on music-making using light *waves for severely disabled children* (T) (567)
8.00 **Crime Beat** Police reveal some of the tactics used to nobble bogus callers who trick their way into people's homes (T) (5277)
8.30 **The National Lottery Live** (T) (771991)
8.45 ***Points of View*** *(T)* (302567)
8.55 **Party Political Broadcast** by the Liberal Democrats (T) (288987)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** (T); Regional News and weather (6364)
9.29 **National Lottery Update** (162155)
9.30 **Absolutely Fabulous: Jealous** Edina rubs shoulders with the stars at a PR bash she has funded in the hope of *bagging a few awards (r) (T)* (21884)
10.00 **The X Files** Legendary monster killer El Chupacabra is cited as *the likely cause of* a series of deaths in a Mexican enclave (T) (511345)
10.45 **Tom Jones** Period drama with Max Beesley, Brian Blessed and Samantha Morton *(r)* (T) (136703) **WALES: 10.45** First Resort (900884) **11.15** Tom Jones (473906) **12.10am** FILM: A Kiss Before Dying (3612391) **1.40** Weather (9224594) **1.45** BBC News 24 (17812)
11.40 **A Kiss Before Dying** (1991) with Matt Dillon, Sean Young, Max von Sydow and Diane Ladd. A handsome, charming psychopath murders his pregnant girlfriend and marries her twin sister. Directed by James Dearden (818890) *Followed by Weather*
1.10am ***BBC News 24*** (5589681)

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BBC2

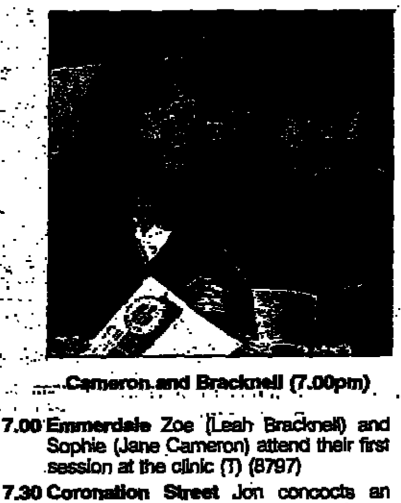
6.00am **Technology** (77277) **6.30** *Talking* Buildings (15364)
7.00 **See Hear Breakfast News** (T and signing) (7983285)
7.15 **Teletubbies** (r) (4888068) **7.40** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (2235109) **8.05** It'll Never Work (r) (T) (2815906) **8.30** Model Millie (r) (2765513) **8.45** The Record (9501987) **9.10** What? Where? When? Why? (9399285) **9.25** English Express (2015242) **9.45** Words and Pictures (4498616)
10.00 **Teletubbies** (95136) **10.30** Numbertime (6363695) **10.45** Cats' Eyes (2084600) **11.00** Around Scotland (1527364) **11.20** The Geography Programme (3228426) **11.40** Revista (1365203) **11.55** Quinze Minutes Plus (1796703) **12.10pm** Science in Action (8763819)
12.30 **Working Lunch** (77790)
1.00 **Noddy** (r) (25911646) **1.10** The Art and *Antiques Hour* (6268600) **2.10** *Going, Going, Gone* (62401451) **2.40** News (T) (3270600) **2.45** *Westminster (T)* (4644258) **3.55** News (T) (8095600)
4.00 **Ready, Steady, Cook** (628) **4.30** Through the Keyhole (r) (1756432) **4.55** Esther (9503987) **5.30** Today's the Day (432)
6.00 **Star Trek: The Next Generation** (r) (T) (160987)
6.45 **Sliders** (r) (T) (3928)
7.30 **Black Britain** Black *firefighters driven out* of their profession by racist taunts. Plus: *a report on the first black dancer to join* the Royal Ballet (T) (109)

Referee Gary Rhodes (8.00pm)

8.00 **Gary Rhodes** The wandering chef visits Teesside to cook for a women's soccer team, with an average age of 82 (T) (3819)
8.30 **Home Front** A modern country kitchen; the dangers of lead paint; two young sisters have their bedroom renovated (T) (9426)
9.00 **Modern Times** An investigation into young Britons who shun Britain for a life on the ski-slopes (T) (276074)
9.50 **Breaking Point** A couple with a baby, whose *relationship is disintegrating* because the mother wants to get married *while the father prefers to stay as they* are, seek help from Relate (T) (637242)
10.30 ***Party Political Broadcast*** By the Liberal Democrats (342567)
10.35 **Newsnight** (T) (679093) **11.20** Prison Weekly (T) (804168) **11.55** Weather (355971) **12.00** The Midnight Hour (29952)
12.30am **Learning Zone: The Making of Peter Snow** (9604310) **12.45** Architecture in Britain (9910759) **2.00** Modern Languages (63117) **4.00** Italianissimo 9-12 (23759) **5.00** Business and Training (87556) **5.30** RCN Nursing Update (20681)

HTV

6.00am ***GMTV*** (4052548)
9.25 **Supermarket Sweep** (T) (5405513)
9.55 **Regional News** (T) (8922242)
10.00 **The Time, the Place** (20242)
10.30 **This Morning** (T) (48371987)
12.20pm **Regional News** (6193513)
12.30 **News** (T) and weather (2215451)
12.55 **Shortland Street** (2127242) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (26945105) **1.50** The Rockford Files (r) (5576068) **2.50** Vanessa (T) (8631703)
3.20 **News** (T) (8943161)
3.25 **Regional News** (8942432)
3.30 **Tots TV** (3867180) **3.40** The Singing Kettle News (1156432) ***3.50*** *The New* Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (8337109) ***4.20*** *Neil's Art Attack Scrapbook (T)* (9614141) **4.45** Sabrina the Teenage *Witch (T)* (1675513)
5.10 **WALES: Primetime Diary** (T) (9801635)
5.10 **No Naked Flames: The Work Experience** (9801635)
5.40 **News** (T) and weather (575258)
6.00 **Home and Away** *(r)* (T) (910155)
6.25 **Regional weather** (362109)
6.30 **Regional News** (T) (451)



Cameron and Bracknell (7.00pm)

7.00 **Emmerdale** Zoe (Leah Bracknell) and Sophie (Jane Cameron) attend their first session at the clinic (T) (8797)
7.30 **Coronation Street** Jon concocts an *elaborate plan to secure Deirdre's future* happiness (T) (635)
8.00 **Inspector Morse: Death Is Now My Neighbour** With John Thaw, Kevin Whately (T) (1703)
10.00 **Party Political Broadcast: Liberal Democrats** (T) (100180)
10.05 **News at Ten** (T), Lottery Result and weather (405987)
10.35 **Regional News** (T) (337631)
10.45 **WALES: Who Dunnit? Death on a Summer's Day** (512780)
10.45 **Conan the Destroyer** (1984) with Arnold *Schwarzenegger as the heroic warrior, in* a sequel to *Conan the Barbarian*. With *Grace Jones. Directed by Richard* Fleischer (338838)
11.15 **WALES: Top Sport** (900819)
12.45am **Collins and Maconie's Movie Club** (17876)
1.15 **Real Stories of the Highway Patrol** (6594204)
1.40 **Nurse on Wheels** (1963, b/w) with Juliet Mills, Ronald Lewis and Joan Sims. *Touching comic tale directed by Gerald* Thomas (6042778)
3.10 ***Jones and Jury*** *(r) (97002391)*
3.30 **Motor Racing** (r) (T) (3967730)
4.25 **Cool Vibes** (40490339)
4.35 **The Time, the Place** (r) (93513488)
5.00 **Coronation Street** (r) (T) (57310)
5.30 **News** (24407)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 **A Country Practice** (2127242)
5.10-5.40 **Shortland Street** (9801635)
6.25-7.00 **Central News** (600180)
10.45 **Central Sports Special** (419722)
11.45 ***Anatomy of Disaster*** *(545432)*
12.50am **Film: Absence of Malice** (55769339)
3.00 **In Focus** (5883372)
3.40 **The Good Sex Guide Late** (3981310)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 **Home and Away** (7294703)
1.20-1.50 **Emmerdale** (79394703)
5.10-5.40 **Home and Away** (9801635)
6.00-7.00 **Westcountry Live** (17635)
10.45 ***Special Report*** *(512780)*
11.15 **The Westcountry Match** (468074)
12.10am **Brian Clough's Early Years** (5807136)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10pm-5.40 **Home and Away** (9801635)
6.00 **Meridian Tonight** (971)
6.30-7.00 **Put It to the Test** (451)
10.40 **The Meridian Match** (3006074)
11.45 **Beyond Reason** (112744)
12.15am **Meridian Masterclass** (67335)
5.00 **Freescreen** (57310)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 **What's My Line** (2127242)
5.10-5.40 **Shortland Street** (9801635)
6.25-7.00 ***Anglia News*** *(600180)*
10.35 **Anglia News and Weather** (971513)
10.50 **Film: See No Evil, Hear No Evil** (38848616)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (44364)
9.00 **Ysgolion** (875221)
11.30 **Powerhouse** (6857)
12.00 **Sesame Street** (70616)
12.30pm **Ricki Lake** (80278)
1.00 **Slot Meithrin** (74662154)
1.15 **Tic Toc** (79612659)
1.30 ***Gardens Without Borders*** *(84211600)*
1.45 **Film: I Confess** (74727432)
3.30 **Collectors' Lot** (529)
4.00 ***Fifteen-to-One*** *(364)*
4.30 **Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World** (548)
5.00 **5 Pump** (8842277)
5.15 **Ffeil** (5400529)
5.30 **Countdown** (600)
6.00 **Newyddion** (372971)
6.10 **Heno** (175819)
7.00 **Pobol y Cwm** (746432)
7.25 **Ffermio** (705529)
8.00 ***Slops*** *(8987)*
8.30 **Darllediad Gwleidyddol Gan Y Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol** (203242)
8.35 **Newyddion** (128432)
9.05 **Cracker** (745141)
10.05 ***Brookside*** *(985906)*
10.40 **Babylon 5** (461682)
11.35 **Looking for Taid** (829971)
11.50 **Under the Moon** (66752600)
4.30am **Chinese Football** (79020)
5.00-5.30 ***Screaming Reels*** *(55952)*

CHANNEL 4

7.00am **The Big Breakfast** (44364)
9.00 **Schools**: Making Sense of Science (83180) ***9.30*** *Good Health (T) (4495529)* ***9.45*** Book Box (T) (4310884) **10.00** *Stage Two Science (T) (4113659)* ***10.15*** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (1068780) **10.30** *Geographical Eye (T) (231252)* ***10.50*** Stop, Look, Listen (T) (855709) **11.00** *First Edition IV* (3315906) **11.15** The Mix (T) (3305529)
11.30 **Powerhouse** Political magazine (6857) **12.00** Sesame Street (70616) **12.30pm** *Light Lunch* (54529) **1.30** *Gardens* Without Borders (T) (84211600)
1.45 **Brothers in Law** (1957, b/w) Ian Carmichael, Richard Attenborough and *Terry-Thomas star in this comedy about* the legal profession, directed by Roy Boulting (T) (74727432)
3.30 **Collectors' Lot** (T) (529) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (364) **4.30** Countdown (T) (1678600) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (9425155) ***5.30*** Pet Rescue (T) (600)
6.00 **Gamesmaster** A new series of the computer games magazine, presented by Dominik Diamond with Patrick Moore. This week's featured game is *Tomb Raider II* (T) (1/10) (513)
6.30 **Roseanne** A long hot soak in the bath is all Roseanne longs for (r) (T) (203)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** (T) (903123)
7.50 ***Golden Oldies*** (267635)
8.00 **Brookside** Jacqui considers the consequences of her first attempt at artificial insemination. Tim struggles to come to terms with rejection. Barry turns his attentions to Alisdair (T) (8987)
8.30 **The Real Holiday Show** Gabby Roslin presents the video diaries of three groups of women spanning the generations. Five teenagers on their first holiday together go camping in Spain; ten "Sheffield Spice Girls" sample the delights of Magaluf, and three eightysomethings take in the Russian sights (T) (3762)

Ron Hubbard, scientologist (9.00pm)

9.00 **Secret Lives: L. Ron Hubbard** The story of the *science fiction writer who went on to* found the Church of Scientology (T) (8093)
10.00 **Caddyshack** (1980) with Chevy Chase *and Rodney Dangerfield. Comedy about* an uncouth property developer who *wants to buy an exclusive golf club and* build on it. Directed by Harold Ramis (T) (409677)
11.50 **Under the Moon** Sports magazine (66752600)
4.30am **Chinese Football** The end of season clash between Shanghai and Tianjin (r) (79020)
5.00 **Screaming Reels** (r) (T) (55952)
5.30 **Geographical Eye** River floods of 1995 (r) (T) (9531335)
5.55 **Sesame Street** (6381812)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
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6.00am **5 News Early** (2527529)
7.30 **Milkshake** (4100971) **7.35** Stickin' Around (r) (6674722) ***8.00*** *Havakazoo (r)* (5447187)
8.30 **WideWorld** Documentary series on human migration. Today, what it is like to be of Asian origin in Britain (9/10) (6897628)
9.00 **Espresso** (2562074) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (8596426) **10.30** Vanessa's Day With ... Max Clifford (r) (T) (1948172)
11.00 **Leeza** (7217180) **11.50** Double Espresso (94491180) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (2297664) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (8331513)
1.00 **5 News Update** (65341839) ***1.05*** *Sunset* Beach (T) (3293987) **2.00** 5's Company (8198155)
3.30 **The Room Upstairs** (1987) with Stockard Channing and Sam Waterston. The story of a fortysomething guest-house owner who falls for one of her clients — a cellist. Directed by Stuart Margolin (6305797)
5.20 **5's Company: Late Extra** (13656074) **5.30** Whittle (T) (3658635) **6.00** 100 Per Cent (3655548)
6.30 **Family Affairs** Susie is apprehensive about Holly's decision (T) (3566600)
7.00 **Exclusive** Soap stars who release pop *records* (5237074)
7.30 **Dwellers of the Deep** Following a deep-water research team (T) (3562684)
8.00 **Instant Gardens** William Van Hague and his team transform media mogul Peter Raeburn's roof terrace in the heart of London (5246722)
8.30 **5 News** (T) (5232529)
9.00 **K2** (1992) starring Michael Biehn and Matt Craven. Adventure about two American friends who join four other climbers in an attempt to scale the world's second-highest mountain. Directed by Franc Roddam (T) (9628345)

Jack Docherty entertains (11.00pm)

11.00 **The Jack Docherty Show** With Kylie *Minogue and the Lightning Seeds* (4266529)
11.45 ***Prisoner: Cell Block H*** *(8063548)*
12.45am **Live and Dangerous** Includes American college football and baseball (32279407)
4.35 **The Streets of San Francisco** Police drama series starring Karl Malden and Michael Douglas (T) (7224049)
5.30 **100 Per Cent** (2487339)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

Jack Nicholson, Meryl Streep in ***Heartburn*** **(Movies Gold, 8pm)**

● For further listings see Saturday's *Vision*

SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (304884) **9.00** Hotel (26567) **10.00** *Another World (78345)* **11.00** Days of Our Lives (98109) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (48529) **1.00pm** Geraldo (57277) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (64277) **3.00** Jenny Jones (57703) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (76838) **5.00** Star Trek: Voyager (3074) **6.00** Dream Team (9364) **6.30** Married... with Children (8135) **7.00** *The Simpsons (4703)* **7.30** The Simpsons (8600) **8.00** The Simpsons (3451) **8.30** Titanic: A Royal Premiere (9258) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (11646) **10.00** Ibiza Uncovered (61123) **11.00** Star Trek: *Voyager* (73074) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (68440) ***1.00am*** *In the Heat of the Night* (35285) **2.00** Long Play (5237001)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am **Ghost of a Chance** (1987) (26932505) **7.45 Family Plot** (1976) (718762) **9.45 Lost Treasure of Dos Santos** (1996) (25154616) **11.30 Breaking Away** (1979) (87308364) **1.15pm** ***Ghost of a Chance*** (1987) (88876180) **3.00 Red** (1995) (78180) **5.00 Agatha Christie's the Man in the Brown Suit** (1989) (37258) **6.30 Lost Treasure of Dos Santos** (1996) (97567) **8.00 To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar** (1995) (65074) **10.05 Executive Decision** (1996) (30517529) **12.20am Deadly Sins** (1995) (483952) **2.00 Edge of Deception** (1994) (574759) **3.35 Forget Paris** (1995) (98339198)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am **Grizzly Adams and the Treasure of the Bear** (1995) (42797) **8.00 Wake Up and Dream** (1946) (63971) **10.00 Robotix** (1993) (54180) **12.00 The Steal** (1995) (59722) **2.00pm Smiley** (1957) (91635) **4.00 Robotix** (1993) (6548) **6.00 Net Worth** (1995) (32118) **8.00 Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls** (1995) (63616) **10.00 August** (1996) (786123) **11.35 Pontiac Moon** (1994) (496068) **1.25am Not of This Earth** (1995) (808575) **3.00 The Pursuit of Happiness** (1970) (805962) **4.35 Sherlock Holmes and the Baskerville Curse** (1983) (5364048)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm **Fire Down Below** (1957) (1074181) **6.00** ***The Millionairess*** (1960) (2485600) **8.00 Heartburn** (1986) (2560345) **10.00 Blind Fury** (1989) (5652567) **11.30 The Deep** (1977) (24201141) **1.35am Dogfight** (1991) (1728402) **3.10** ***Angel Face*** (1953) (83896223) **4.40** Close

TNT

9.00pm **Casablanca** (1942) (89312616) **11.00 The Stratton Story** (1949) (84327364) **1.00am The Letter** (1940) (84212485) **3.00 The Adventures of Tartu** (1943) (31789407) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (35600) **7.30** Wrestling (22426) **8.30** Sports Centre (28890) **9.00** Racing News (46242) **9.30** Aerobics (55432) **10.00** Tartan Extra (91722) **10.30** Boxing (30180) **12.00** Aerobics (39906) **12.30pm** Coca-Cola Cup (72267) **2.00** Tartan Extra (8161) **2.30** The Footballers' Football Show (63345) **3.30** Boxing (58277) **5.00** Wrestling: Shotgun Challenge (73074) **6.30** Futbol Mundial (8890) **7.00** Grand Slam of Golf (222161) **10.00** Sports Centre (30835) **10.30** Tennis: WTA Kremlin Cup (808123) **1.30am** *Offshore Powerboats* (63594) **2.00** Sport USA (87407) **3.30** Sports Centre (62440) **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (4911677) **7.30** Sports Centre (5468762) **8.00** Racing News (8876971) **8.30** Fish TV (9240093) **9.30** Tennis: WTA Advanta Championships (7692548) **12.30pm** Grand Slam of Golf (8829161) **4.30** Coca-Cola Cup (3548258) **6.00** Rebel Sports (9685726) **7.00** Sports Centre (2405703) **7.30** Chelsea v Southampton — Live (5772432) **10.00** Rebel Sports (2393722) **11.00** Pool (8618285) **12.00** Sports Centre (8745198) **12.30am** Coca-Cola Cup (4202827) **2.00** Sports Centre (2488335) **2.30** Cricket: Australia v New Zealand — Live (2401556) **4.30** Sports Centre (7398063) **5.00** Cricket: Australia v New Zealand — Live (5132049)

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12.00pm Wrestling (62788345) **1.00** Fish TV (62775093) **2.00** Superbouts (57144529) **3.00** Rugby Union: Emerging England v All Blacks (84320451) **5.00** Golden Moments of the Olympic Games (30548155) **5.30** Pool (35962364) **6.30** Offshore Powerboats (55928242) **7.00** Fish TV (89335567) **8.00** Sport USA (34448513) **9.30** Windsurfing (62757074) **10.00** Sportraits (86339690) **10.30** Golden Age of Motor Racing (42187074) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Eurogoals (11118) **9.00** World Cup Qualifiers (55180) **10.30** ATP Tour Review (39722) **11.00** Karting: North American Cup (21451) **12.00** Wheelies Magazine (24074) **12.30pm** Freeride Magazine (51616) **1.00** Tractor Pulling (76971) **2.00** World Cup Qualifiers (31277) **4.00** Truck Racing (82890) **5.00** Motors Magazine (3616) **6.00** European Drag Racing Championships (89635) **7.00** World Trickshot Masters (36722) **8.00** Darts (23258) **10.00** Boxing: Markus Beyer v Kevin Pompey (35093) **11.00** Golf: *Praia D'El Rey European Cup* (19616) **12.00** World Cup Dream Team (92846) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

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7.00pm Worlds Apart (7279906) **7.30** Outer Bounds (5860884) **8.00** Cold Water, *Warm Blood* (3549432) **9.00** The Greatest Flight (3463068) **10.00** World of Geo 2 (3468155) **11.00** Marsabit (4182987) **12.00** Worlds Apart (3234933) **12.30am** Outer Bounds (8729074) **1.00** Close

TRAVEL (cable)

12.00pm Travel Live **12.30** Dominikas Planet **1.00** Pathfinders **2.00** *Snow Safari* **2.30** No Truckin' Holiday **3.00** Reel World **3.30** Oceana **4.00** Australian Gourmet Tour **4.30** A River Somewhere **5.00** Ridge Riders **5.30** *Railway Adventures Across Europe* **6.00** Stepping the World **6.30** Pathfinders **7.00** Travel Live **8.00** Wet and Wild **8.30** Portrait of Ireland **9.00** Holiday International **10.00** No Truckin' Holiday **10.30** Floyd on Italy **11.00** Cities of the World **11.30** Reel World

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Vietnam, the Thousand Day War (7408093) **5.00** Lost Civilisations: Mesopotamia *(2404074)* ***6.00*** *Ancient Mysteries* (9685726) **7.00** Biography: King Farouk — Last of the Pharaohs (2394451) **8.00** Close

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12.00pm Food Network Daily **12.30** The Restaurant Show **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** From the Ground Up **2.00** Rosa's Foreign Assignment **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** *Alive and Cooking* **3.30** Graham Kerr's Kitchen **4.00** Aldo's Italian Job **4.30** Chef for a Day **5.00** Close

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6.00am Tiny Living **9.00** I Dream of Jeannie **9.30** The Gordon Elliott Show **10.10** Jerry Springer **11.00** *The Young and the Restless* **11.50** Brookside **12.20pm** Why Me? **1.00** Tempest! **1.50** Ready, Steady, Cook **2.30** Cheap Chic **3.00** Live at Three **4.05** Jerry Springer **5.00** Rolonda **5.50** Lucky Ladders **6.20** Ready, Steady, Cook **7.00** Hearts Afire **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies **9.00** ***FILM:*** **There Are No Children Here** **11.00** The Sex Files II

ZEE TV

6.30am Nagar Pane Roop Nagar **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** Ghoomta Aaina **8.00** ZEE Business News and Music **8.30** Raahat **9.00** Manabi **9.30** Panchayat **10.00** Tara **11.00** The Low Cal Show **11.30** Hum Aap Ke Hain Woh **12.00** Daraar **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00** Urdu **FILM: Dewar Bhabhi** ***3.30*** *Ek Nazar* ***4.00*** *Public Demand* **5.00** ZEE Zone **5.30** Teen Do Panch **6.00** ZEE and You **7.00** Liberty **7.30** Banegi Apni Baat **8.00** News and Euronews **8.30** Dastaan **9.00** Pal Do Pal **10.00** Filmi Baatein **10.30** ZEE Hit Parade **11.00** Purush Kshetra **11.30** Sizzlers **12.00** Close

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Swiss manager to take over from Francis at White Hart Lane

Tottenham seek Gross profit

By David Maddock

TOTTENHAM Hotspur will announce today that Christian Gross, at present in charge of Grasshopper Zurich, is to take over as manager. He will succeed Gerry Francis, who cleared his desk at White Hart Lane yesterday — almost three years to the day since he joined the club.

Gross, 43, will be in charge of the Tottenham team for the televised FA Carling Premiership match against Crystal Palace at home on Monday night. Romano Spadaro, the president of Grasshopper, said last night that Gross had already signed a contract and would be taking his assistant coach, Fritz Schmid, with him to White Hart Lane.

Spadaro also said that Gross had approached him ten days ago and had asked to be released from his contract, which was due to expire next summer. Spadaro had turned down three previous requests. "This time I couldn't refuse his request because one of the top clubs in London has a higher calibre than Borussia Mönchengladbach, SV Hamburg or a Japanese club, which have all tried to get our trainer in the past two years," he said.

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Gross's appointment finally brings to an end the saga of rumour and speculation surrounding Francis's position. He had come under extreme pressure from Tottenham supporters who bemoaned the team's lack of flair as they languished in sixteenth place in the Premiership, one point above the relegation zone.

It is understood that he had tried to resign on two seperate occasions. He talked openly a week ago of assessing his future, after Spurs suffered an embarrassing 4-0 defeat away to Liverpool. Then he was told by Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, that he was required to stay at least until the end of the season, when his contract expired.

Last Sunday, Sugar said: "I don't think that a rudderless ship will help Tottenham in anyway. I hope that Gerry sees through his responsibility. Let us get to the end of the season and look at it again then."

Francis went in for training as usual yesterday, even though his players had been given a day off. He departed quickly, though, giving the indication that there had been a dramatic change in his position.

In choosing Gross, a Swiss, Tottenham have followed the trend set by their London rivals, Arsenal and Chelsea, in appointing a continental coach. Bernie Kingsley, of the Tottenham Independent Supporters' Association, said last night: "He's a relatively unknown continental coach, but he could be just the thing to turn everything around."

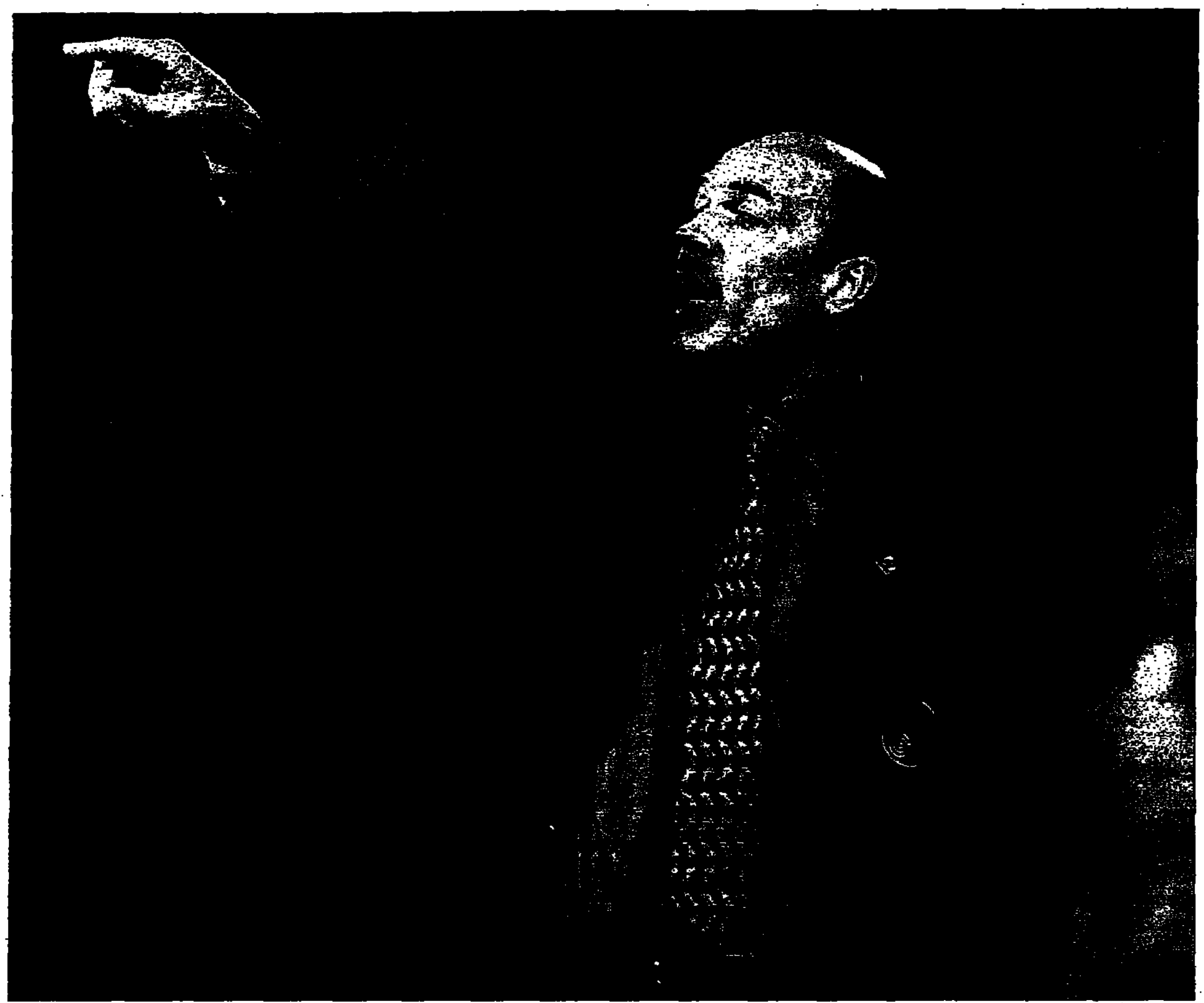
Gross won the Swiss championship in 1995 and 1996 and qualified for the European Champions' League in both seasons. They finished bottom of their group in 1995, but in 1996 they beat Rangers 3-0 in Zurich on the way to finishing third.

Francis's name will now be linked even more strongly with the vacancy at Queens Park Rangers, the club he managed for three years before he left to join Tottenham. The Nationwide League first division club recently parted company with Stewart Houston, their manager, and Bruce Rioch, his assistant. John Hollins is in charge at present in a caretaker role.

One person who may be pleased to see the arrival of Gross at White Hart Lane is Ramon Vega, Tottenham's Switzerland defender, who played under Gross at Grasshopper. Several Spurs players, however, are thought to be unhappy with recent developments at the club and could be looking to leave.

Top of the list is Sol Campbell, the England central defender. He has been the subject of two inquiries already from Liverpool and it is understood that they have now tabled a third bid. Campbell turned them down during the summer, preferring instead to sign a new four-year contract with Tottenham. Recently, though, he has indicated to close friends that he has become increasingly disaffected with life at White Hart Lane and would consider a move.

Spurs are unlikely to allow him to go readily, but Liverpool would be prepared to offer Neil Ruddock, Jason McAteer and upto £4 million for the 23-year-old. That might sway Sugar, who is reluctant to spend any more money in the transfer market after a summer spending campaign of almost £15 million.



Pointing the way: Gross is the man that Tottenham are pinning their hopes on to revive the club after its declining fortunes in the Premiership.

Woodward hits out at lack of top-class talent in England

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

CLIVE WOODWARD painted a damning picture of the lack of genuine playing talent in England yesterday, four days before the rugby union international between England and New Zealand at Old Trafford. The national coach conceded that he could hope to field no more than two teams capable of extending the All Blacks, now generally acknowledged as the best team in the world.

It was a day for Woodward to confess his own shortcomings, after the disappointment of the drab 15-15 draw with Australia last Saturday. He also acknowledged criticism made by John Hart, coach to New Zealand, that the All Blacks were being required to play three England second-string XVs during their midweek schedule.

"What John Hart says is correct and I agree with him," Woodward said, "but the stark reality is that we have two full Tests and three other fixtures and there is no way we can put out 60 players good enough to face New Zealand's two top sides."

In ideal circumstances, Woodward would have hoped to have four competitive divisional teams vying for a match, but he is not prepared to recommend fielding XVs that might concede 90 or 100 points to the All Blacks.

Woodward's problem is one that he shares with nearly every country in the world, so far have New Zealand elevated their playing standards above the rest. Scores of between 60 and 90 points have become commonplace, as Argentina and Ireland will testify this year, but Woodward's opinion is nevertheless at odds with that of Jack Rowell, his predecessor, who believed, after the England tour to Argentina last summer, that a strong playing base had been put in place.

"We are in an extremely serious situation and we knew that when Roger [Uttley] and I took over the management," Woodward said. "New Zealand have 150 contracted players, playing the right amount of games, which puts them massively ahead.

"I envy their players because they are part of a structure which allows them to perform to their best. It's very hard for anyone without their system to compete against them. The guys I take my hat off to are the administrators, people like Hart, who have put them in that position.

"We in England are going through this exercise to see where we are. We have around 70 players in the first division [allowing for numerous overseas players], of whom we can dismiss 20 or 30 because they are just not good enough. We are short of ability, so we have selected the midweek teams for the right reasons, which is also a compliment to New Zealand and should allow their own second-choice players to improve."

It is Woodward's hope that the new Rugby Football Union administration will create a more favourable climate for the national side, by improving the playing structure and emphasising the need for clubs to release players, not only for the senior representative sides but for the under-21s, whose development Woodward sees as critical to a healthy future.

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"We haven't got anything like the academy team that England will play when we tour New Zealand next year," he said. "It's a totally different culture. New Zealand give their national team top priority. We haven't got there yet."

Nevertheless, Woodward will sit down this morning to announce his team to play New Zealand on Saturday, having digested the lessons of the match against Australia and the game last night between England's "emerging" players and the All Blacks at Huddersfield.

The prime message from the game against Australia was the need for a more potent scrummage. However, Woodward said: "It was a learning week for me. With hindsight, I don't think we prepared very well. Perhaps we tried to do too much in training, tried to fit too much in, which may have confused the players."

Uefa takes new look at video issue

By Our Sports Staff

Irwin: suffered ligament damage

THE use of television evidence in disciplinary matters is to be reviewed by Uefa, the governing body of European football. The move has been initiated after Paul Bosvelt, the Feyenoord midfield player, escaped punishment for his tackle on Denis Irwin, of Manchester United, in the European Cup Champions' League match two weeks ago.

Uefa says that it cannot discipline the player because the incident was not noted by any of its officials at the match, which United won 3-1 two weeks ago.

Television cameras captured Bosvelt stamping on Irwin's left knee and the United defender will be out until Christmas with ligament damage. In Great Britain, television evidence is often used to punish players and Uefa admits that perhaps it is time it followed suit.

"The evidence used came from the reports from the officials at the game, but nothing was mentioned in them and that is why the player received no sanction," a Uefa spokeswoman said.

"For the moment, it is not our policy to use television evidence and we are in line with Fifa on that. We've never used it before, but that could change and at the moment it is under discussion."

"As TV evidence can't be used legally in these matters, we are unable to take action against the player. The issue of TV and video replays will be discussed within Uefa in the coming months. Our lawyers will need to take a long hard look before we can think of introducing them as evidence."

Bosvelt was not even booked because Sandor Puhl, the referee, did not see the incident, although he was substituted immediately afterwards. The player has since described the tackle as "the biggest error of my career".

The Uefa spokesman said: "We received reports from the officials, but they apparently didn't see anything — therefore no action is to be taken against the Dutch player.

"There was nothing mentioned in the report from the delegate, the referee and the linesman or the observer so we can't make any legal move against the player."

Coaches move out of the slow lane

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

WHILE it may be stretching a point to say that Kelly Holmes has developed into one of the leading middle-distance runners in the world courtesy of a grandfather's pension, British athletics has been dependent too long, in its quest for medals, on amateur coaches paying for the privilege of working with elite performers. Some of the hobby element is about to be removed.

In a programme announced yesterday, the coaches of Great Britain's best prospects for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney were awarded £450,000 over the next three years. Too often these coaches have been unable to give the athletes the attention they need because they could not afford it.

The new money may be used, for example, to assist the passage of coaches abroad for winter training with their athletes. Dave Arnold, the coach of Holmes, would have have been in South Africa last winter, but he had to watch his pocket. Instead, he coached her by phone and fax machine.

Arnold, a pensioner with seven grandchildren, spends thousands of pounds annually coaching Holmes and 14 other athletes aged 12 and upwards. Now he can apply, through Holmes, for up to £10,000 a year in assistance.

"It is nice to think that, in spite of all the problems that have occured with the BAF (British Athletic Federation) going bust, coaches are going to be looked after more than they have in the past," Arnold said.

Arnold, 63, does not add up the money he spends on travel to training and competition, phone calls and equipment. "You just pay it out because you love the sport," he said. "You just do it, don't you? I have a guaranteed pension income, but it is tight. There are a lot of coaches who can do a better job if they have got the funds."

While the BAF is in administration, this scheme is financed by the World Class Performance programme, which is funded by the National Lottery and is immune from the governing body's crisis. The money comes from the £1.4 million a year made available for development of the sport and will be administered by Performance Athlete Services Ltd, the performance arm of British athletics.

This is the first new programme financed by lottery money, although some has been used to pay the salaries of the BAF's performance and technical directors, and support staff. Fifteen athletes have been named as eligible to apply for personal coach funding. The list can change depending on performance.

Iwan Thomas, the British 400 metres record-holder, who is one of the athletes on the list, is pleased that his coach, Mike Smith, will have his burden eased. "Mike comes training every night and nobody pays him anything," Thomas said. "I know he needs a new car. Perhaps he could use the money for that."

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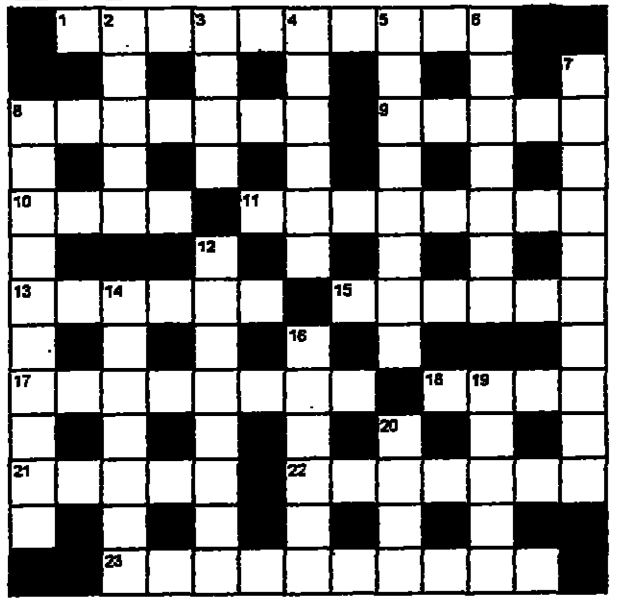

No 1255

ACROSS
- 1 Poor countries (5,5)
- 8 Indignant state, always *high* (7)
- 9 Bowl: river/tributary zone (5)
- 10 A mammal: a wax impress (4)
- 11 Slightly salty (water) (8)
- 13 Make steep rope descent (6)
- 15 Piece starting beside rook (6)
- 17 One attending monarch (8)
- 18 Hit (toe): bit of ticket (4)
- 21 Give the slip to (5)
- 22 Take the chair (7)
- 23 Wrecked; with ice (2,3,5)

DOWN
- 2 Many-headed monster (5)
- 3 Stagger: country dance (4)
- 4 Bleak (weather) (6)
- 5 Ruddy (complexion) (8)
- 6 Stylish; hurrying (7)
- 7 Available to eat, discuss (2,3,5)
- 8 Posted; finished; killed (10)
- 12 A salve (8)
- 14 With indistinct outline (painting) (7)
- 16 Folk (6)
- 19 Piece of conjuring (5)
- 20 *Brave person* (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1254

ACROSS: 1 Rice 3 Shamrock 9 Queue 10 Panache 11 Impinge 12 Crux 14 Aviary 16 Absorb 18 Step 19 Haggard 22 Dracula 23 Zaire 24 Suspense 25 Tent
DOWN: 1 Requital 2 Cheap tin trays 4 Hopper 5 Minicab 6 Once upon a time 7 Keen 8 Dean 13 Obedient 15 Rapture 17 Shears 20 Gaze 21 Odds

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